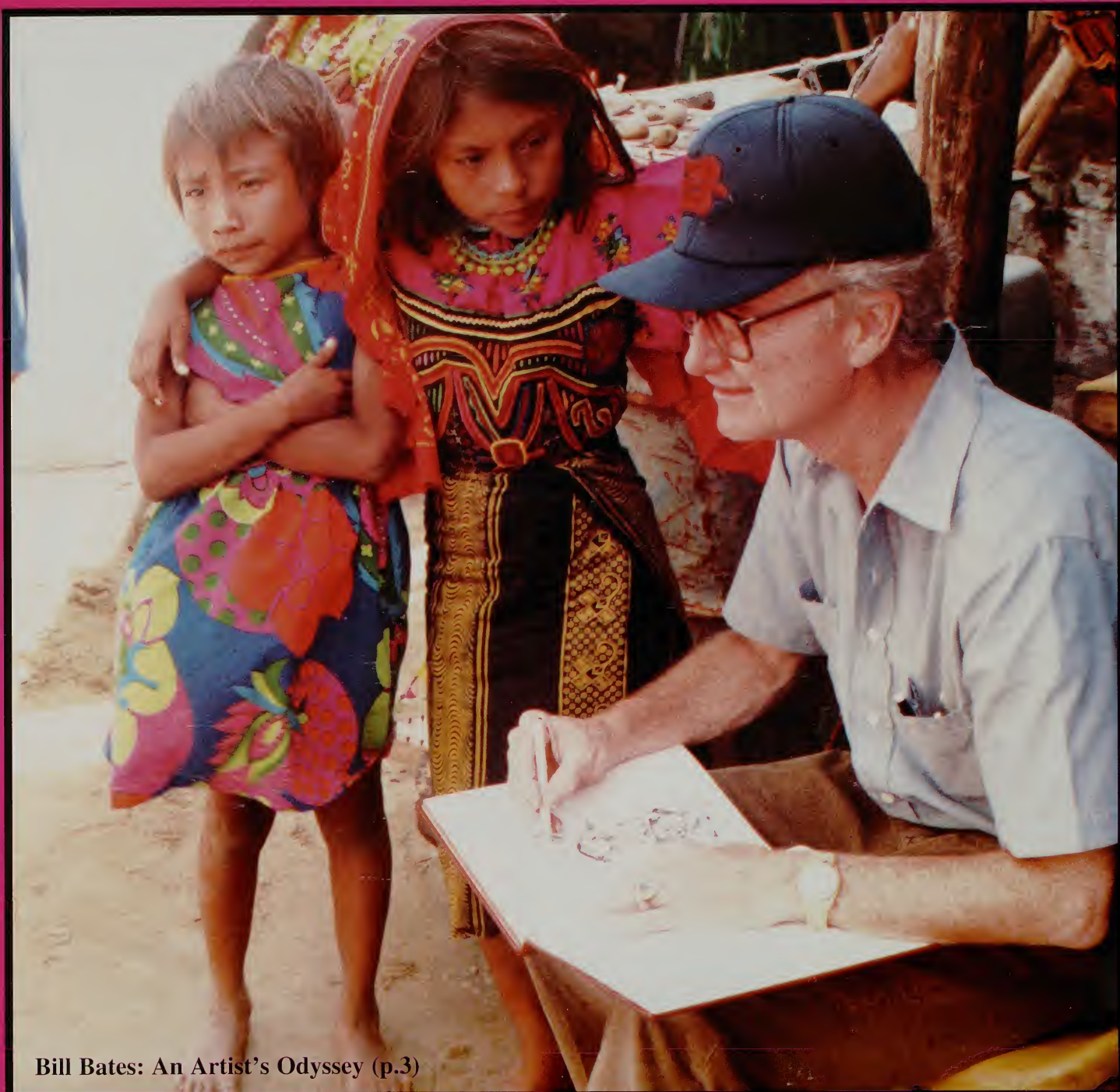


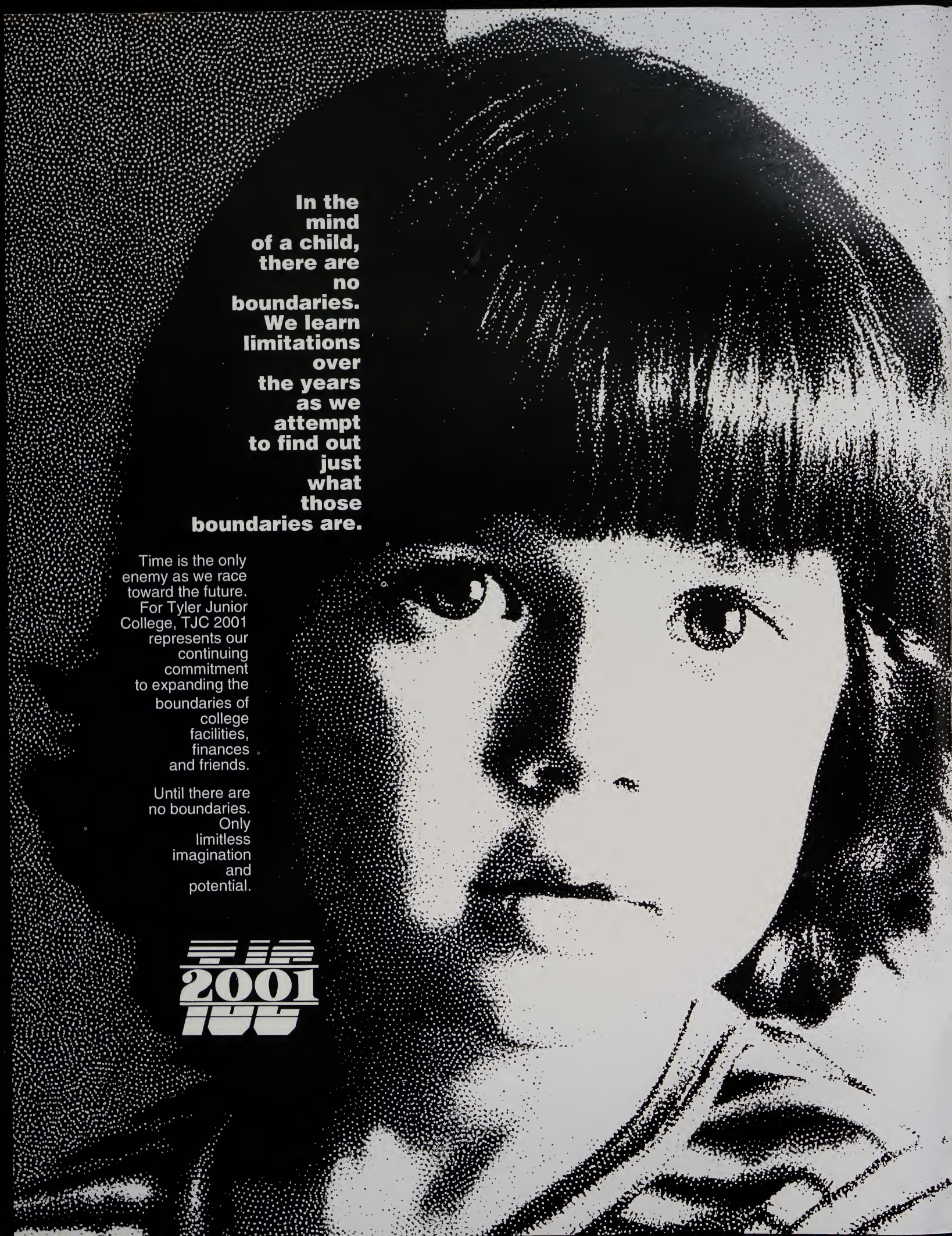
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We learn
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as we
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Time is the only
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In this issue

Bill Bates, the skinny kid who was on the first cheerleading squad at TJC in 1948 and who drew the little Apache Indian mascot that hung around campus for over 30 years, always had a yearning to see the world. And at age 50 he began an odyssey that has taken him around the world six times, and he captured it all with illustrations and cartoons. Before he left in January on another round-the-world adventure, he shared his nomadic life with staff writer Fred Peters. (page 3)

"Open door" at TJC not only refers to our admissions policy but also to making campus facilities available to organizations throughout the East Texas area. Bobbie Burks writes about how sharing resources with these groups is one way for the College to give back to the community. (page 8)

Another one of Floyd Wagstaff's boys? Well, yes and no. Yes, Coach Wag is the reason David Smoak decided to come to TJC in 1977 and no, he didn't play ball for him. David was just a "military brat" in need of direction and who better to get a kid on the right track. Since then David has become one of the busiest sportscasters in the East Texas area with 10 different shows on radio and TV. Fred Peters provides an inside look at what makes David tick. (page 13)

If you've ever wondered if walking is really what it's cracked up to be, then meet Susie Hughes, 87 years old, who hits the track at the HPE Center for a daily 5 to 6 mile "fast" hike. She ranks nationally in 5-K and 10-K for her age group. Pat Logan, who writes the Back Page column for the *Apache*, often walks with her but at "a much slower pace," says Pat. (page 18)

It seems like a long time ago that eating food such as a big juicy greasy hamburger with a big orange to wash it down was not only delicious but didn't clog your arteries. At least we didn't know that it did. Pat Logan reminisces about those good old days. (page 36)

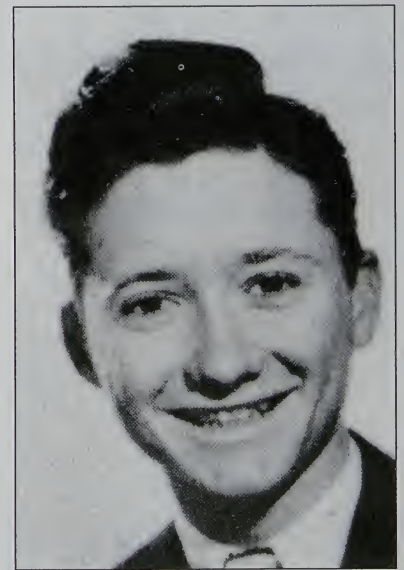
This issue also includes an announcement of new endowments to the Foundation, an executive reorganization, and a new plastics technology program, to name a few. Also read all about former classmates beginning on page 29.

At least once each year I make a plea for you to write to me so that I can start a "Letter to the Editor" column. So far the number of letters received can be counted on one hand. I don't care if you write that something is good or something is bad. I just want you to write. Who knows, maybe it will even get me a pay raise!

B.P.

Bill Bates: an artist's ODYSSEY

Since graduating from TJC in 1949, he has chronicled faces and places around the world.



Bill Bates in 1948.

To see Bill Bates smile you'd think he has some happy secret he's dying to tell or a whimsical revelation on life that he's been waiting for the right moment to spring.

To examine the artist's many drawings—of South Pacific natives performing daily chores, of political figures, of common people befuddled by their own comic lives—is to know those secret thoughts that make Bates so jovial.

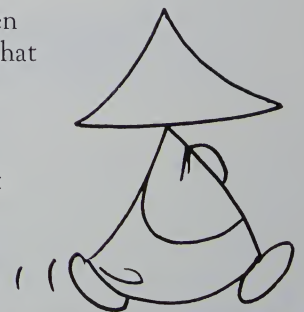
Bates' uplifting outlook on the human experience takes on its own life through his work, which has spanned 45 years and a variety of subject matters.

A 1949 graduate of TJC and a member of the first cheerleading squad on campus, Bates has seen a lot of the

world since he left Tyler and has been gracious enough to share much of what he sees with others.

But the skinny kid who left TJC with dreams of being an architect didn't become a world traveler right away. In fact, it wasn't until *after* completing three years of military duty during the Korean Conflict that he ventured beyond the friendly confines of the Lone Star State.

"Actually, I had been ear-



by Fred Peters

marked to go to the gunnery school at Lowry Air Force Base and the public information officer found out I was on the base and had me pulled. That's how close I came to going to Korea," Bates said during a recent interview.

It was the first time his ability to doodle had gotten him out of trouble. Bates remained at Fort Sheppard (Wichita Falls) and was reclassified as technical illustrator for the U.S. Air Force Training Command.

"I had gone to junior college, the University of Texas, spent three years in the Air Force and had never crossed the Red River," Bates recalls. "So, when I broke out, I really broke out. I just had this yearning to see the world."

And see it he has. Bates has sailed around the world six times, lived in France, Italy and exclusive Carmel, California, visited Yugoslavia and Russia before the fall of communist leadership, seen his name among the prominent credits of an ABC television special and dined with the prime

minister of Fiji.

He is currently on his seventh world cruise aboard the Royal Viking Sun, an excursion which began Jan. 7. When the huge cruiseliner's "Voyage to the World's Treasures" is complete, Bates will find himself at a familiar port, San Francisco.

It was the City by the

Bay which brought Bates his first renown after he moved there in 1959. Upon discharge from the U.S. Air Force in 1954, Bates and two of his college buddies from UT had established Ideas Inc., a Dallas advertising agency. There, Bates had illustrated a variety of ads, including the first color classified ads to appear in the automotive section of the *Dallas Morning News*.

But the desire to travel and express his creativity led the Texan to northern California, where he penned the comic strip "Ping" for the *San Francisco Examiner* and did freelance work, including a series of bar murals.

The pace of a San Francisco artist's lifestyle suited him just fine, and looking back, Bates says it's a good thing he didn't pursue architecture any further.

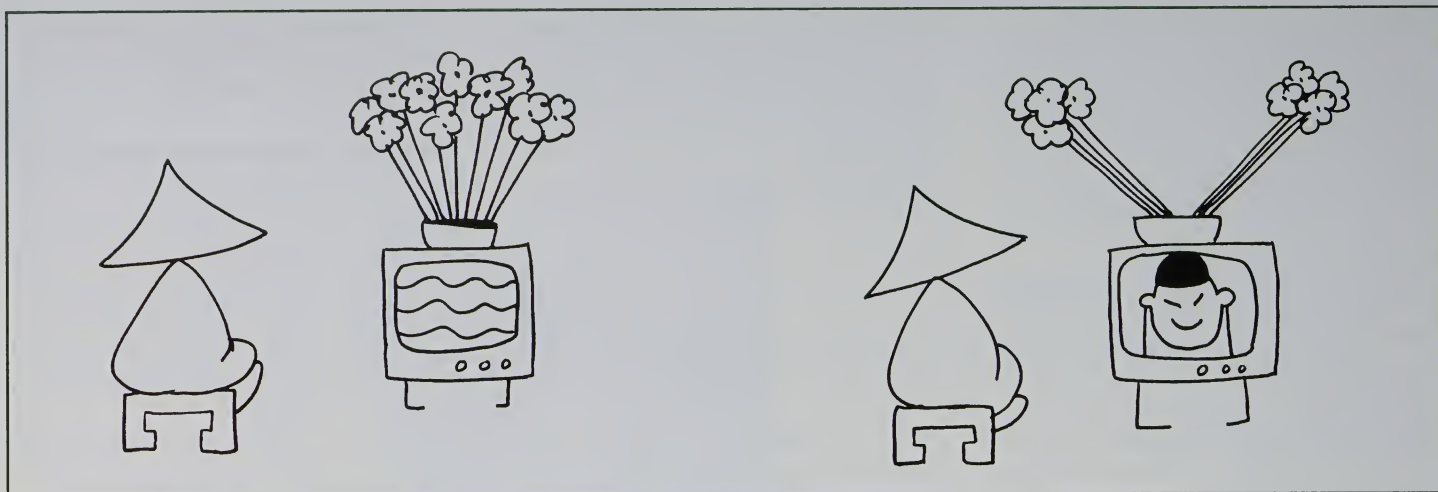
"I was more of an artist than an engineer. I had more of an artist's creative approach as opposed to an engineer's analytical approach," he says. As was, the call to the military interrupted his college study before he could finish his bachelor's degree and also kept him from accepting a job with Dr Pepper, which selected him as their annual national advertising award winner for a drawing he submitted while a student at UT.

In "Ping," a nondescript Chinese character whose thoughts were expressed through "thought bubbles," he found success and some fame. The comic strip continued in the *Examiner's* daily editions until 1966. By this time Bates had completed a series of drawings in oil pastel of great jazz musicians, traveled to Europe, and was completing a portfolio of portraits

*The Gibralfaro Mountains rise above
the Port of Malaga.*



Bates 1990



of classic comedians called "The Funny Men," published by Pisani Press of San Francisco in 1967. The book included Bates' portraits of W.C. Fields, Laurel & Hardy, Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Harry Langdon.

Little did Bates know

at the time that "Ping" and his penchant for pub paintings would lead him around the world.

Bates had been dabbling in caricatures while working with the *Examiner*, drawing them at the National Newspaper Association conventions in San Francisco each year and eventually agreeing to do them as a courtesy to new customers during branch openings of a local bank. Soon, he could draw any face in a matter of minutes.

One day, while working on a mural in one of the city's taverns, Bates made a proposal to Max Hall, then public relations officer with Matson Lines cruises, who happened to be in having lunch: What about offering complimentary caricatures to cruise ship passengers in exchange for an artist's free travel?

"He thought it was a great idea, and I'm still doing it," Bates said.

Hall later left Matson for Princess Lines and in the 1970s played an integral role in the development of the hour-long TV series "The Love Boat."

By the time Bates embarked on his first Matson Lines cruise, he had

completed a series of caricatures of great golfers and had been involved in a television show of his own, providing the animation for an ABC special on the San Francisco Opera entitled "Opening Night at the Opera."

Later that year, while doing caricatures in exchange for his passage aboard the S.S. Mariposa, Bates discovered the South Pacific. His life and career haven't been the same since.

Awestruck by the beauty and serenity of the Melanesian republic of Fiji and its people, Bates

has since devoted much of his time and efforts toward preserving the tiny country's ancient customs with the tools of an artist.

After producing a series of water color pieces in the nearby Cook Islands, Bates moved to Fiji in 1970, where he produced lithographs of the Fijians and their culture for two years. It was during this first extended stay at Fiji that Bates took his last drink of alcohol, kicking "the Irishman's disease" during a ceremony with natives.

Much of his time was spent drawing the faces of



the people of Vita Levu, the island which consumes most of Fiji's 7,078 square miles and where most of the nation's trading takes place. He would use pencil to sketch common dress, traditions and settings.

"I love the Melanesians. They're excellent art subjects because they have this incredible patience to pose for me," Bates chuckles. "Plus, when I finish a drawing or painting of them, they thank me instead of me thanking them, and then they walk away."

Bates found willing participants in his effort to preserve the island customs, drawing the movements of the natives' yaqona friendship ceremony, the dance attire of the Fijian people, and its many legendary landmarks. He would return to the islands for lengthy visits and continues to consider Fiji his home away from home, offering his tribute to the nation's people as his life project.

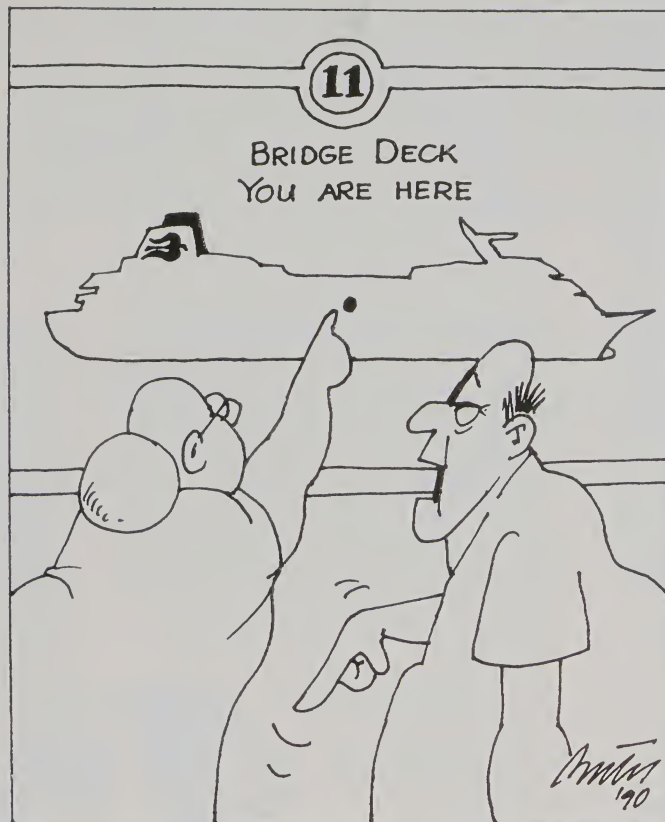
In the latter part

of 1972, Bates left Fiji aboard the S.S. Monterey and returned to northern California, this time settling in Carmel-by-the-Sea, inhabited not by natives but by the well-to-do and the tourist dollar seekers. In its people, Carmel also had a story to tell but it was one calling more for satire than painstaking preservation. Again, Bates' hand gave the subject just the right touch.

Along Carmel's crowded, winding streets jammed with hundreds of novelty shops, art galleries and tiny Comstock homes, Bates found a curious battle being waged between residents bent on preserving the village's artistic character and visitors streaming in to soak it up.

With pencil and pad, he set out to make peace with both sides, recreating the humor of everyday life in Carmel in drawings which soon became a regular feature of the local newspaper.

His cartoon series, entitled "Serra's Place" for the founder of California's missions, Padre Junipero Serra, ran in *The Pine Cone* for 21 years and 18 of the drawings were blown up and made into a permanent exhibit at the Carmel Post Office.



"I know 'Here' is here, but where **IS** 'Here'?"

Three bound volumes of the cartoons have been published—"Serra's Place," "Serra's Place II," and "Carmel-by-the-Bates"—and are still big sellers in the tiny village's curio shops.

In 1976, the Bay area's *Game and Gossip* magazine said: "Whoever has seen and enjoyed a Bill Bates cartoon knows and understands Carmel, and knows exactly how to laugh—at himself and at the world."

Bates' contributions to Carmel include a large outdoor mural highlighting the city's prime tourist locations with clever observations and drawings of the area's typical tourists. Bates worked on the mural with artist and then-wife, Carole Minou, who also

accompanied him on his 1976 sojourn to the South Pacific, this time aboard a Royal Viking cruise ship.

Bates had approached

Royal Viking about a similar arrangement to the one he had with Matson after Matson Lines was sold and then went bankrupt. Royal Viking agreed and eventually even gave Bates the title of assistant cruise director.

"It was on my first cruise with Royal Viking that I created the idea of the sketchbook for the passengers," he said. Bates goes ashore and makes pen and ink drawings to be displayed across the beam of the ship, outside the dining room. As the cruise continues, the exhibit grows into an "organic mural."

"By the end of the cruise it goes 80 feet across the beam and there are usually over 200 drawings. At the end of the cruise, they are all gathered and bound into a limited-edition book."

The sketchbooks highlight the scenes of ports of call and give passengers an original souvenir of their vacation. Seventeen such sketchbooks have been produced and Bates is

working on number 18 during his current cruise.

Between 1976-79, Bates and Minou lived in Fiji with their two sons, Oliver and William. Much of this time was spent designing the graphics for the new Fijian Cultural Center at Pacific Harbour, which took over two years to build. Countless hours were spent on the outer islands, drawing, watching, talking. Now Bates' drawings are prized among visitors and natives alike, whether in postcard, illustrated note cards or poster sizes.

So revered for his contributions toward preserving Fijian culture is Bates that prime minister Sir Kamisese Mara promised him his own home on

the island in exchange for a Bates art project on his people. Given the option of deciding what kind of project to take on, Bates settled

on an illustrated book on Fiji customs. He's also working on portraits of famous Fijian high chiefs.

"They still have many of their customs intact, and one of them is their chief system," he said. "Most such systems have been lost; Hawaii has lost

theirs, but the Fijians have been able to maintain it after all these years and it's exciting."

Both projects are about a year from completion. Bates expects to get time to work on them this year—while staying at his complimentary island abode. The high chiefs' portraits will be displayed in Fiji's new museum, being built on the west side of Vita Levu.

"The Fijians are friendly people and they don't have the bad vibes that we have in a more civilized society. Their value systems seem to be more intact than ours. What's important to them, to us is not important."

While not on a cruise ship or on the Fiji islands, Bates continued to consider Carmel—a city perhaps most famous for Clint Eastwood's reign as mayor—as home until 1993, when he moved to Austin.

Remarried, recovering from prostate cancer and now the father of an 18-month-old baby girl, Bates has come full circle, returning to the city

where he drew the Bevo cartoon for the *Daily Texan* while attending UT.

At age 65, he's hardly slowing down, even if he does claim he misses "the tranquility of Tyler."

Bates is the father of three girls and five boys ranging in age from 18 months (Chelsea Mae) to 33.

He met his new bride in Sydney, Australia while working on portraits on the world's most

famous chefs. Lai Lai, from mainland China, was there studying English.

The pair hit it off and married in 1991.

Bates has fond memories of his days at TJC and is particularly proud to have been one of the College's first cheerleaders (along with Patsy Hoffmeyer, Sara Davenport, Doc White and A.C. Gentry). As with so many of his life's other endeavors, Bates left his mark at TJC, drawing the happy Apache mascot which adorned

cheerleaders' uniforms beginning in 1949. The "smiling papoose," as Bates calls it, was developed at the request of Alfred Gilliam, then choreographer of the Apache Belles, and was reproduced for letter jackets and sweaters all the way into the 1980s.

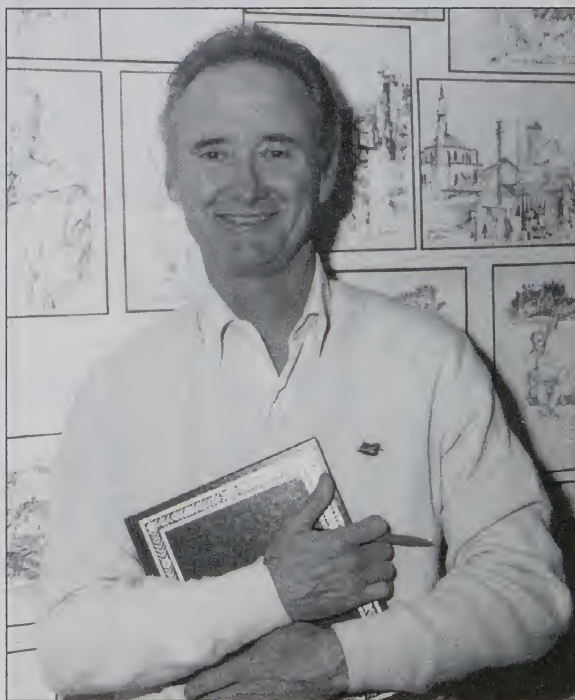
Today Bates earns a

living with his world cruises and drawing political caricatures and cartoons, which he mails to newspapers across the country. "When I get a check in the mail, I know they've used them," he said.

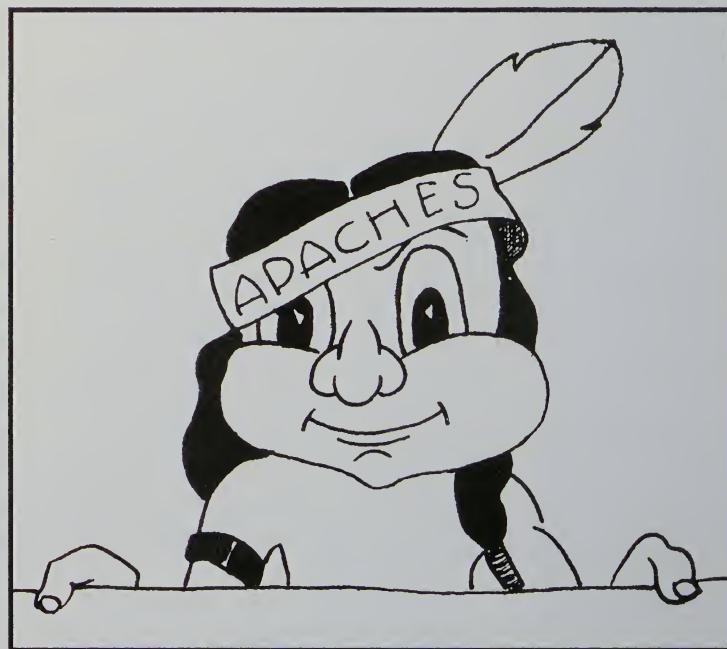
Thoughts of retirement rarely enter his head. After all, traveling the world the past 25 years or so has been a sort of working retirement.

"I tried selling insurance in Tyler and tried working for other different people while I was there but I always came back to art because that was my main interest."

Bates jokes that when it became apparent that art was his calling, his mother "used to light candles in church" in hopes he would be able to somehow eke out a living. Looking back on his years of enlightening the rest of the world with his art, one gets the sense that the act of lighting candles is a Bates tradition that he is faithfully carrying on. ♦



Bill on board ship.



From 1951 TJC yearbook.

Tyler Junior College's open door policy to the East Texas community is the stuff of which legends are made. Almost every week of the year *something* is happening on campus involving community organizations: meetings, conventions, competitions or clinics. And it is this open door policy, this willingness to share resources with the community it serves, that has endeared TJC to many segments of the East Texas population.

All areas of academe have their special ties to community groups, those directly related to their area of interest as well as those which are not. But whether social or academic, the College's availability for group enrichment planning and execution truly qualifies it for 'Good Neighbor' status. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to highlight activities coordinated through all the divisions at TJC at one time. A good representative to start with is the Division of Science and Mathematics and its dean, Dr. Gerald Wilson.

"I think the philosophy upon which the junior colleges were established in our state—and all over the country, for that matter—was so that the community would have access to higher education both at for-credit and non-credit levels to give people who have not had the opportunity to be trained to enter the workforce," said Dr. Wilson. "We're here to give as many people as possible a local college they can attend to see if they can be successful." The philosophy, he continued, was to serve the community itself, the citizens of the community, and their educational needs. And a big part of that is in the hosting or presentation of events that place those opportunities within reach of all demographic groups. Regardless of race, creed or age, at one time or another TJC has served as the venue of specific activities serving to enrich the educational and cultural life of the community.

According to Dean Wilson, the College and this campus belong to the

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community. "They own this facility, and every time I have an opportunity to greet parents of prospective new students at freshman orientation sessions, the first thing I tell them is, 'Welcome to YOUR campus! If you need anything, let us know because we want you to feel at home.' I feel that

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Bobbie Burks

they support this College in many ways, not just with their tax and tuition dollars. It belongs to the individuals who support us and help to pay for these exceptional facilities. So in that respect, they DO own the campus, and we do our best to make it available for everyone."

"Tyler Junior College is an invaluable asset to our community. The people of TJC play very important roles not only in the Chamber of Commerce but in the entire Tyler/Smith County area. The facilities on campus have always been very accommodating to a wide variety of Chamber functions as well."

Henry Bell III

*Executive Vice-President
Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce*

The Division of Science and Mathematics is like many others on campus, having the ability to boast a bit on the functions chaired, presented or hosted by the division itself or the people who make it so active within the community. In examining an impressive list of community activities of division faculty and staff members, one finds all concerns, ranging from church leadership to youth groups and service organizations. According to Dr. Wilson, it is the personal commitment to community involvement on the part of these selfless individuals that translates into the overall feeling of service evident on the part of the College as a corporate entity.

"Every one of our directors and quite a number of our faculty within the different disciplines present programs to middle and high school students in terms of career opportunities within their areas of emphasis," said Dr. Wilson. "Whether two-year associate degree programs or academic transfer tracks such as premedicine, pre dentistry or engineering, our people function as resource persons for the community. They call with all kinds of questions about rocks, plants, bugs and snakes—all sorts of things. We translate this curiosity into programs for the community through continuing education or for groups with specific interests. We just try to be responsive to the needs of the people.

"Another area of service popular with our personnel is in civic clubs and organizations. For example, our staff technician Jeri Loper is integrally involved with the Business and

Professional Women's Club as well as our TJC Speaker's Bureau. Many faculty members belong to professional groups in the community. Gene Branum is an excellent example with his involvement in the local and state engineering societies, pursuing his interests while furthering those of others and actively recruiting for that particular program here at the college. He was an important part of getting their meetings held here on campus as well as an annual event at TJC for the regional group.”

“Through the involvement and commitment of Tyler Junior College employees and the generous use of its facilities, our community is truly blessed. No one could ask for better support.”

Bill Martin, Executive Director
United Way of Tyler/Smith County

The overall TJC campus and its availability are not the only physical attractions for community events. Special facilities such as Hudnall Planetarium figure prominently in College outreach. The only planetarium in all of East Texas, it draws a number of visitors from the immediate area as well as an even greater number from surrounding communities. Elementary and middle school children make up the bulk of planetarium visitors, allowing them to expand their understanding of our universe in their own backyard. Groups using the campus for conventions and meetings are also included in the over 20,000 persons per year touring the facility, making Tyler Junior College that much more attractive to prospective visitors planning events and looking for a user-friendly venue.

One of these groups is the Texas Alliance of Minorities in Engineering, or TAME. Headquartered at Texas A&M University, the group is fortunate to have Dr. Wilson on its local board and a TJC chapter to promote recruitment of minorities into the engineering field. TJC was the site of the 1993 TAME state meeting, during which members were feted at a special reception, dinner and planetarium presentation.

Another organization on the long list of TJC beneficiaries is the Future Homemakers of America. The group holds its annual convention to take advantage of that famous TJC hospitality and to enjoy what the city of Tyler has to offer. While renovations at Jenkins Hall forced a relocation for their 1993 event,

they have promised to return in 1994, bringing three to five thousand students to the city.

Long a partner in education to area school districts, TJC has distinguished itself as the destination of choice for a number of skill clinics and competitive events. One of the most exciting to Dr. Wilson's division is the Annual District Science Fair, now entering its third year.

“The first year we started with about 200 participants,” remembered Dr. Wilson. “Last year, we had 500 exhibits and about 1,200 people involved. We put this event into place for all middle and high schools in the TJC college service area. This is a preliminary event to the regional science fair, and last year we had eight winners at regional with two going on to national competition. We thought that was an excellent return for an event just in its second year! We don't know how many we'll have for our next outing, but it seems to be growing in participation and popularity each year.”

That's science—but how about mathematics? “We have one of the most outstanding math competitions anywhere in the country,” Dr. Wilson said with a smile. “In fact, last year we made a special presentation to the University of Texas NISAD meeting on its success. We have over 1500 participants coming onto the campus from all over the region, and even had two groups of observers come in from other areas of the state to analyze our success and, hopefully, to duplicate it elsewhere.”

“I have been involved with TJC since the start of my tenure in Tyler. Ray Hawkins and his staff are part of the fabric of the educational community in Tyler, with TJC offering us a multitude of opportunities for our students and staff. These include student educational field trips, staff development programs and continuing education for our employees. Last year, they opened their doors to the first annual TISD Parent University, a program to assist parents with their children. Yes, TJC is a good neighbor for the Tyler ISD.”

Dr. Thomas Hagler, Superintendent,
Tyler Independent School District

Science, mathematics and gender equality come together for one day each year when TJC hosts Expanding Your Horizons, an event aimed at providing role models and career option exploration for middle school girls from all around East Texas. Women from different professions are allowed to present information about their careers to small groups of those attending, who are then encouraged to look

"EVERY PERSON WHO WORKS

more closely at so-called non-traditional career choices for women.

In presenting this information, role models also urge the young women to consider staying in math and science courses—even increasing the number they take—as they go into high school, where statistics show many move from those areas into others seen in the past as easier and more fitting for female talents. Speakers challenge the girls and their parents, who are also encouraged to attend and even have special seminars to enrich their ability to steer their daughters into rewarding futures.

Almost 500 girls were treated to a special day at TJC in 1993, with the second event held in February, 1994. A major project of the American Association of University Women, TJC lends not only its facilities but a number of staff volunteers to the effort.

"As chair of the Expanding Your Horizons conference, I have had the good fortune to work with some extraordinary people at Tyler Junior College. Across departments and through all administrative levels, these competent and caring individuals have taken time and energy from their already busy schedules to include assistance to this vital program. Tyler Junior College is a beautiful place, but that beauty is more than skin deep. By action and deed for the good of the community it serves, TJC reveals its true inner beauty. Everyone associated with our event applauds the willing spirit of Tyler Junior College to share its resources and personnel blessings to develop the leaders—and potential TJC students—of tomorrow."

Louisa Schmid,
Ph.D., DVM

**Vivarium Director,
University of Texas Health Center at Tyler
Expanding Your Horizons Event Chair**

While facilities may be a major reason some groups seek our Tyler Junior College as a choice location to host gatherings, they quickly realize that the people of TJC are its most valuable resource, people who choose to teach in an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual benefit for staff and student alike.

"Many of us have been in industry and at senior institutions, and while there are many different reasons why instructors choose to locate here, one mentioned most often is the community, especially those with families," said Dr.

Wilson. "It's always in the cockles of one's mind about the quality of life in the community, and Tyler certainly offers that in a number of ways. Add to that the fact that TJC doesn't look like a junior college—most people compare it to a full-grown university in terms of its facilities, which our presidents and vice-presidents have paid close attention to over the years. Students nowadays don't want to go to a place that might be seen as anything less than what they have at home. The physical features of the campus are very desirable for our students and guests, and it doesn't take long for them to become a part of the family, which is

HERE IS AN AMBASSADOR

exactly what we all are—a family."

Dr. Wilson continued: "Every person who works here is an ambassador for Tyler Junior College, and I look at it from this vantage point: every student and visitor needs to have a positive experience on campus. Just one person who has had what they consider to have been a negative experience can negate all the goodwill shown for years past. And conversely, there is no way you can afford to pay for the public relations effort delivered by positive experiences on campus. One-on-one and small group interaction are hallmarks of the TJC philosophy, expanding on the willingness of the faculty to get involved in the lives of our students and the concerns of the community in which we live. No matter what is needed, we can find someone with interests to assist in solving problems or providing support.

"The character of an educational institution is fashioned

FOR TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE."

by its people. I think the people who choose to teach at TJC or junior colleges in general have a commitment to people and to working with them to achieve their goals, whatever that might take. I don't say that in disrespect to senior institutions, but sometimes getting published and research work are requirements in order to achieve tenure and promotion, and that's bound to take a prominent place on their order of priorities. Here, our design is for excellence in teaching and community service. The pedagogy is important to us; not only what we teach or do, but how we accomplish those goals. Quality is like a diamond—it is truly forever."

“Our design is for excellence in teaching and community service.”

“Tyler Junior College is an excellent partner with the community, especially in the areas of business and education. They have provided leadership in community planning and organizational development that has resulted in a more diverse and stronger economy for the Tyler area.”

**Tom Mullins, President/CEO
Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce/
Tyler Economic Development Council**

To try to list all the community activities on the agenda of Tyler Junior College, or even more specifically the Division of Science and Mathematics, would be a job far too large in scope for this forum. But in examining the full plate of events and activities for the division and its generous staff, one cannot help but be awed by their personal and professional commitment to excellence. Whether volunteering for the Red Cross—heading a Chamber of Commerce subcommittee—leading a Boy Scout troop or church choir—or organizing a day of activities for over a thousand campus visitors, Tyler Junior College shines through its people and their ability to translate our ‘open hearts policy’ for the good of those touched by their efforts.

“It has been my pleasure to work with Tyler Junior College on various occasions, with administration and staff always cooperative and eager to assist with community activities in whatever way they can. Faculty and staff are involved in many different aspects of community service on a volunteer basis. Tyler Junior College is truly a community college, giving back to the community by sharing the expertise of their staff, use of their facilities for outside functions and use of equipment by other organizations.”

Ernest R. Clark, City Manager, City of Tyler

TJC is not an autonomous entity, an organism existing on its own without impacting the community. Its people don’t just come to work, teach, and then go home. They reach out into many areas and make their definite, indelible mark no matter what their venture in their own special way. And as they follow their own personal drummers, they take with them a bit of Tyler Junior College, speaking for everyone as they grow and learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect and admiration.

‘Just like a good neighbor—TJC is there’, if you’ll pardon the use of a well-known advertising slogan. And just like a good neighbor, TJC and the Division of Science and Mathematics are participants in the welfare of East Texas, proactive forces together for the good of all. ♦

**Future Homemakers
of America**

**Annual District
Science Fair**

TJC Speakers Bureau

**Texas Alliance
of Minorities
in Engineering**

Math Day Competition

**Expanding Your
Horizons**

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Smoak

in the Air

SPORTS ACUMEN AND A GIFT OF GAB MAKE **DAVID SMOAK '79** POSSIBLY THE BUSIEST MAN IN TOWN.



by Fred Peters

"How much time do we have - five minutes? OK, here are some finals. Gladewater falls to 1 and 3 as they lose to Gilmer, 21-14. It's Gilmer's third consecutive triumph over Gladewater. Who would have thought Coach Jack Murphy's team would lose three of their first four? Elsewhere in 4-A, Henderson pounds Palestine, 44-0, and Athens and Kilgore play to a 21-21 tie . . ."

David Smoak belts out high school football scores for his radio listeners with the enthusiasm of an auctioneer. He delivers the latest sports news to television audiences with the polish of a seasoned pro. When TJC and Robert E. Lee High School basketball teams take to the floor, he's there to call the action. And when news breaks from the Dallas Cowboys' camp, you can bet he knows the scoop.

To the sports fanatic who lives for Sunday football or the excitement of another season of baseball, golf, basketball or hockey, David Smoak leads the ultimate life. He tells television and radio audiences of the latest sports occurrences and then offers his opinions about them. He invites comments and questions from radio listeners, corrects them when they're wrong, and agrees to disagree when they're insistent.

He's the busiest sports broadcaster in East Texas, and yet he seems to do it

with ease. What's his secret?

"I love what I'm doing, it's that simple," David says.

Smoak, a 1979 graduate of TJC, hosts a sports call-in program, a Friday night football wrap-up show and coaches' talk show for TJC basketball and Robert E. Lee High School football on Tyler radio station KTBB-AM. He also calls play-by-play for TJC basketball and Lee football and basketball games, hosts KTBB's Dallas Cowboys' Insiders' Show and NFL Fantasy Football programs, and serves as the sports anchor for KLTV television's morning daybreak, 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts.

In addition, he occasionally helps with TJC football broadcasts on KTBB, and as founder and sponsor of the KTBB Scholastic Spotlight All-Stars, personally chooses, from hundreds of entries, 10 high school student-athletes each regular semester to receive scholarship money and acclaim for their performance in and out of the classroom.

It's a schedule even he has trouble keeping up with. Yet, as driven as he is, David says earlier in his career he was practically a stranger to his wife, Cindy, and two children, Craig and Jennifer, now ages 9 and 6.

"We have a great family. I think I spend a lot of time away from them with the dual role I have right now,



but they're very understanding," he says, interrupting himself to answer a question from Jennifer as he prepares to call the play-by-play of a TJC-San Jacinto basketball game at Wagstaff Gym.

"My wife's a big sports fan and she also was a broadcast major and so she understands the business can be tough," he continues. "There have been our ups and downs about my time away from the home and my priorities sometimes, but right now I think I have greater priority in what I'm doing, and especially with my wife and my family, than I ever have before.

"Early in my career I had one focus and that was to try to prove to a lot of different people that I deserved to be in this business and I worked really hard, a lot of hours—sometimes probably more than I needed to. But I felt like I needed to do that."

If David is accustomed to a frenetic pace, it's no wonder. The youngest son of a U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and Naval Academy graduate, he learned early on to make the most of each day, each opportunity. Like most military families, the Smoaks rarely stayed put more than three years. David says the experience of having to cultivate new friendships and adjust to different cultural mores worked to his advantage.

"I think it prepared me very well. First of all, this is a get-to-know-people business. You've got to know people, you've got to listen to people, you've got to understand and you've got to, sometimes, understand that people are all different."

Born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1959, David lived in Guam, Arizona, Virginia and Japan before finally coming to Texas in 1976. His senior year at Randolph High School, Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, set the stage for his first visit to Tyler and Tyler Junior College later that year.

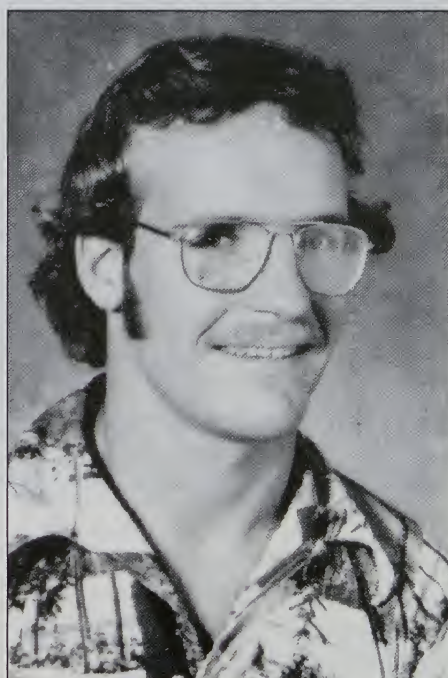
As David says, it was a "fluke" that he chose TJC as the place to start his collegiate study.

"I had taken my ACT test and had done OK and had not taken an SAT test because I hadn't had time yet and

a friend of mine who was somewhat of a computer expert was going to come to TJC one day on a career day," David recalls.

"He asked me what I was going to do, where I was going to go and I said 'I'll go to the University of Texas.'"

But David's friend convinced him to tag along on the trek to Tyler to attend TJC Career Day. He was impressed with the campus and the atmosphere at TJC, but it was Athletic Director Floyd Wagstaff who convinced him this was where he needed to be.



David Smoak in 1979

On a day when the campus was bustling with high school students, "Wag" took time to visit with one "military brat" in need of direction.

"He just sat down with me and we started talking," David recalls. "I had no idea who he was and he didn't who I was. He was just so to the point and I've always appreciated people for being that way with me and that's the kind of man Coach Wagstaff is.

"All he knew was I was a military kid who'd taken his tests a little later than others because of all the moving around and he just sat me down and said 'this is what you need to do. Here are your options.'"

Now David proudly calls Wagstaff "one of my best friends in Tyler or anywhere.

"I'm glad for my decision. If I hadn't gone to TJC, I probably would have gone to a four-year college and if I'd gone to a four-year school I wouldn't have wound up where I am now. Who knows where I'd be."

Attending TJC first meant a chance to get classes in English, chemistry, government, Spanish and history out of the way.

"It was a chance to get all the fundamental stuff accomplished, to meet some people, to grow up a little bit and also—being 300 miles away from San Antonio—a chance to get away from my parents a while," he says.

"I could have gone anywhere. I just happened to go with this guy and I liked the campus, I liked Coach Wagstaff and I met a lot of wonderful people up here and so it's one of those things that just happened and I'm glad it did."

After graduating TJC with an associate of arts degree, David enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where he met Cindy.

Upon completing a bachelor's degree in radio and television broadcasting from SFA in 1981, David returned to San Antonio. A few months later, Cindy, who had been working with the sports information office at SFA, called to tell him of an opening for a sports reporter at KTRE television in Lufkin. He interviewed, got the job, and has been working in sports broadcasting in East Texas ever since.

David and Cindy married in 1982 and lived in Lufkin until 1984, when David moved to the sports anchor position at KLTV, Channel 7 in Tyler, KTRE's sister station.

From 1984 until near the end of 1990 David spent much of his time in the fieldhouses and locker rooms of East Texas high schools, talking with young athletes and interviewing coaches about their teams' chances.

Though he enjoyed what he was doing, by the end of 1989 David was "bored."

"I felt like I had accomplished about

everything I'd set out to do," he said.

When the opportunity to host a radio call-in show was presented to him, it was like a breath of fresh air. KTBB had originated SportsTalk about four months prior to David's arrival but it needed a spark. So did David.

Doing sports for Tyler's only television station for five years had given him name recognition among the area coaches and regular sports buffs, but he wanted more. The sports talk show was the impetus he was looking for. So, he left the glitter of the TV lights for a full-time slot behind a radio microphone.

It was a decision he doesn't regret. In fact, David credits SportsTalk with rejuvenating his career. In sports lingo, it took him "to the next level."

"If it wasn't for East Texas having a bunch of sports fans, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing right now," he says.

"The talk show, I think, gave me the opportunity to use my personality to the best of my benefit. It gave me a chance to use and to express my knowledge. Like the surgeon knows the medical business, I know sports. That's what brought me the name recognition, not only in Tyler, but in Longview and all over East Texas—there's no doubt about it."

From 4:10 until 6:30 p.m., five days a week, David spends his time fielding telephone calls from living-room quarterbacks and second-guessing fans of the Cowboys, Texas Rangers and various high school programs, drawing on the sports encyclopedia in his brain to answer their questions and to add color to conversation about his favorite topic: sports.

To David it doesn't much matter what sport you're interested in chewing over, where you're calling from or how much your opinion differs from his. He'll accept your side and offer you another. Then, within seconds, it's off to another sport, another key matchup, another possible scenario.

"From badminton to football, it doesn't matter to me," he says.

Keeping up with so much sports

information requires a lot of reading. David digests sports sections from four or five newspapers daily. He subscribes to a host of sports magazines and reads at least five sports novels a year. With the effort some sports fans contribute to their hobby on a daily basis, David ensures his career.

By sparking the interest of radio listeners who place calls to him and, in turn generate advertising for his program, David likes to think he's



Smoak on KLTV.

broadening the horizons of East Texas sports enthusiasts.

"We talk about anything, any city, any sport, anything you want to talk about," he says. "We'll argue, agree to disagree or whatever. Every single afternoon for two to three hours a day I spill my guts because I want people to be sports fans and I want them to be able to pick up the phone and call me and talk to me about anything they want. I truly think that one of the greatest pleasures I've had is that hopefully, I've made some sort of an impact."

The impact of SportsTalk was great enough after three years that David received a call from Brad Streit, general manager of KLTV. Word had gotten out: David Smoak was considered the area's most noted authority in sports broadcasting, and Streit was

looking for that kind of impact from the sports anchor position David had vacated three years earlier.

"(Streit) said 'Hey, we need a spark, we need some enthusiasm to help us out' and I said 'well, I don't think we can do it because of the (time) conflicts,' but we found a way. I really think we've pulled off some miracles the way we've been able to do radio and TV at the same time with the time frames and the stress and all the

various elements. It's been unbelievable."

When David came back to the station in April 1993, KLTV launched a promotional campaign to announce his return. Ten-second spots aired on the station and newspaper ads in area newspapers proclaimed "Sports is smoking with David Smoak—on Channel 7's East Texas News."

"I saw the reputation KLTV had for local programming and our reach—we go all over—and I saw David Smoak as the sports authority," Streit says of his decision to invite David back. "I knew he could make us the dominant force and I knew David was wanting to expand. It's really been the perfect marriage."

It took a few weeks of discussions between KTBB and KLTV to work out the logistics, but before long David was doing his radio show from the KLTV studio and occasionally pre-recording the 5 p.m. TV sports segment from a live radio remote broadcast site.

"I think if I didn't like what I was doing I wouldn't be able to (keep up) because there are times when the stress level is extremely high," he says. "It's not life-threatening, but if I didn't

love it, I wouldn't do it. There are times when my heart feels like it's going to explode—but I know that once we get on the air, I'm going to enjoy every minute of it."

Unlike the million-dollar athletes whose careers he enjoys following, for David there is no off-season. For their efforts at keeping him on schedule and out of a straight-jacket, David applauds his radio show producer, Daffyd Morgan, and especially his wife, Cindy.

"She'll come to the TJC basketball games or the Robert E. Lee football games, she'll listen to my show—in fact, she's my number one critic. She'll be the first one to tell me I argued with somebody too much or I didn't listen to somebody enough or that I have said something that may not be exactly right."

To those who suggest he is a big fish in a small pond who deserves a chance in a media ocean like Dallas or Houston, David says he is flattered.

"I don't know whether I'd even be able to do that or not," he says coyly. "I've been offered a couple of times to work in other cities, Dallas and San Francisco—Kansas City and Houston, but to be honest with you, because I moved around so much during my life (growing up) I felt it was kind of important to stabilize and get to know an area of the country."

"I love East Texas. It's a great place to raise my family, it's a safe place, it's easy to live here because the cost of living is not that difficult. Maybe one of these days, if I get another shot, another opportunity to go and live in a bigger city, that'll be fine, but that's not my goal."

"My goal, before I ever get out of broadcasting in East Texas is to make sure that when somebody asks a question, if they have a sports question or if they want an opinion, that they think of David Smoak as the person they'd like to call. That doesn't mean they agree or disagree, but the one that they want to call, to find out if I know anything or if I can answer their question, is me—that's what my goal is."

Being the sports authority in East Texas is a goal for David much like being the team to beat is a goal for a

SMOAK STACK

Program	Broadcast on	Time	Season
"SportsTalk"	KTBB-AM 600	4:10-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday	Year-round
"Friday Night High School Football Scoreboard"	KTBB	10:30-11 p.m.	During high school football season
"Coach Roy Thomas Show"	KTBB	6:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays	During TJC basketball season
KLTV sports segments	KLTV	Daybreak (a.m.) 5, 6, and 10 p.m.	Year-round
TJC men's basketball games	KTBB	Wednesday and Saturday nights, beginning at 7:30 or 8 p.m.	During season
"Biff Peterson Show"	KTBB	6:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays	During Robert E. Lee football season
"Cowboys Insiders' Show"	KTBB	5-6 p.m. Wednesdays	August-January
"NFL Fantasy Football"	KTBB	6:30-7 p.m. Thursdays	September-January
Robert E. Lee High School football games	KTBB	7 p.m. Fridays	During season
TJC football games	KTBB	Usually 2 or 7:30 p.m.	During season

football team seeking another title. That competitive edge was fed by his parents' interest in athletic competition—and by two older brothers.

"My father was a very good athlete and though he never played at the varsity level in the military, he was very competitive and my mother was fanatical about sports. She's the one who would go out in the front yard or the back yard and play catch with us," David recalls.

"I have two older brothers, and of course that influences you a lot. They never forced me to do anything, but I always wanted to be able to make my older brothers, not to mention my parents, proud of what I could do. I guess I love to compete, whether it's TV or radio or whatever it is, basketball, golf. I just love to compete and I think that's helped me in my career."

Does he see the desire to compete driving him as hard in five or 10 years?

"I can't keep this pace up for five

years," he says as he prepares to dismantle broadcast equipment following the Apaches' 95-88 victory over San Jacinto. As he's talking, the lights in the arena are turned out for the night, much to his surprise. David hollers to a custodian to give him five more minutes to pack up.

"But I do think I could continue to do this five years, 10 years from now as long as I could learn how to prioritize things even better," he says. "If I am working five years from now in Tyler, Texas, it means I'm still, hopefully, doing the same things I'm doing now but with a little more help. I'd like to see myself get an opportunity to do something in a major market, but at the same time, if I'm here five years from now I'm going to be happy."

For now, though, he's not prepared to watch the lights go out on his dual-role career.

"I love what I'm doing. I love what I'm doing." ♦

Can Walking 6 Miles a Day Kee

Ask 87-year-old

by Pat

When Susie Hughes talks about walking at the HPE Center on the TJC campus, she measures it in miles, not laps. This may not sound unusual until you realize that Susie measures age, not in years, but in decades, being more than halfway through her ninth one.

At 87, she is the winner of more than 100 contest trophies, ranks nationally in the 5-K and 10-K of her age group, and passes right by most walkers on the college track, male and female.

Susie's quick movement is not exactly a jog, but because it is faster than an ordinary walk, she boldly appropriates the running lane.

And how far does she walk a day? Six. Miles, that is. On the two days a week that she does water aerobics, she cuts it to five. And how far does she walk in the events she enters? She's done eight miles in Jacksonville, up and down hill, 11 miles from Kilgore to Longview, and at the Dallas White Rock Half—half a marathon, that is—she did 13½ miles.

Remember last Thanksgiving when sleet covered East and North Texas? Susie was at a contest and walked eight miles. Most of us were happy to be snug by our fires. Susie was in Dallas, mushing through the ice.

Her eyes bright, her smile ready, with only the slightest tremor to her hand and the slightest stoop to her shoulders, Susie is a joy to those who know her. She exhibits no hint of haughtiness, but displays an obvious satisfaction and pleasure in her accomplishments.

The seventh of 12 children, Susie is a native of Fisher County, northwest of Abilene. She and the little town of Rotan were born the same year, 1907. Her family lived in what was called a half-dugout, partly underground to secure warmth in winter and cool in summer.

"We were country people," Susie says. Her grade school was two rooms, but at 14—she graduated from the eighth grade into high school. She will never forget the purple hat her mother bought her as a graduation present.

"I thought I was really something," she confesses. One day the teacher announced plans for a function to be held at the school, a function which would include a meal. When the teacher asked, "Who can bring a chicken?" Susie's hand shot up.

Her mother took a toesack, placed a live chicken in it, and securely tied the top. When Susie arrived with the toesack the next day, she happened to see the principal in the hallway. "I marched up to him and presented him with the sack." She noticed he looked puzzled, but she admits it took her some days to realize the chicken should have been fried!

The sport that Susie excelled in while a teenager was high school basketball. "Oh, we had a good time. I can still see us in our black satin bloomers."

She had begun nursing school when she met the man she was to be married to for 53 years. "Of course I just HAD to get married so I didn't finish my nursing course—later I wished I'd done that." Marrying in 1930, they moved to Tyler in 1941, her husband holding a position with the Cotton Belt.

"I have seen so many changes, from the horse and buggy to spacecraft." And Tyler, she says, is hardly recognizable so different is it from that little town of the early '40's.

One of Susie's sons is an engineer with Cotton Belt and the other son lives in Arlington, where he was in insurance before he retired. Besides her two daughters-in-law, Susie has four granddaughters, three grandsons-in-law, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

One of her sons gave her a TJC Apache Club membership for Christmas in 1992. And she showed up in early 1993 to amaze the regular walkers already there.

Given her ability, one would assume this woman had been competitively walking all her life. But no. In 1987, she entered a contest for the first time, at the age of 80. She placed third in that race, but since then the firsts have been piling up.

Susie finds it difficult to say which of her more than 100 trophies she is the proudest. Maybe the one from USA Track and Field's On the Roads in which only two Texans—Susie

**"You just make up your mind
to do it and then
you do it."**

Keep You Out of a Nursing Home?

Susie Hughes

t Logan

and a woman from Houston—were ranked number one nationally in the 85-89 age group.

However, she takes satisfaction in those contests when she has beaten women much younger than herself, such as the St. Gregory 5-K Fun Run of 1990. She took first in the 60-plus group.

Susie worked as a nurse at both Tyler Beckham Street hospitals.

"I used to hear the younger nurses talking about these people. They'd describe them at lunch, in the halls, all the time. I thought they were real people."

Susie emits something that sounds like a cross between a giggle and a guffaw. "Finally I realized they were soap opera characters.

"Well, I said to myself that sounds like fun, when I retire I'm going to watch soap operas. I pulled my favorite chair in front of the TV and started. It took me just a short while to get so stiff I couldn't even walk to the sink. And I got out of that chair and got busy."

Susie does her housework, mows her yard, drives a car.

Asked if she weren't in pretty good health, Susie grinned and said, "I guess I must be, I haven't seen a doctor in, let's see, three or four years."

Denying that she has any magic trick for walking so far so fast, she says, "You just make up your mind to do it and then you do it."

Watching Susie go through her paces, an observer will notice the intense concentration she puts into it. She's not unfriendly, she will say "Hi" as she passes you, but nothing distracts her.

Walking is not only good exercise, but it also relieves depression and it "is a good prayer time," she says.

She is a member of the University Church of Christ, where she can be found Tuesday mornings, Wednesday nights and twice on Sunday.

But church-going is only part of her life. "Several of us widows go out to eat every week. No, we don't go to the cafeteria—we go to the steakhouse."

She also plays a pretty mean hand of "42." She says she literally does not have time to feel sorry for herself.

She has so many T-shirts from different events she could outfit herself in them for a month. She is proud of the fact that January 9, 1993 was named Susie Hughes Day in Palestine (Texas) and she

received a jacket and a warm-up suit.

Recommending walking to everybody, especially older people, she says, "It's keeping me out of a nursing home. I intend to keep walking for as long as I possibly can."

Somehow, looking at Susie, one can actually imagine her still flying around that track—and her age in the triple digits. ♦



Foundation Announces New Officers and Members

Gifts totalling \$789,625 since last year were received by the College, it was announced at the Tyler Junior College Foundation's biannual meeting held on campus in March.

Total assets and endowments have grown to more than \$5.7 million since the Foundation was reactivated in 1983. Total contributions and planned gifts received by the College and the Foundation during the past 10 years exceed \$8.2 million.

1993-94 officers for the Foundation are Jack White, chairman; George T. Hall, vice chairman; Earl C. Kinzie, secretary; and Earl C. Andrews, treasurer. Members of the executive committee are White, Vernon E. Faulconer, Hall, Kinzie and Royce E. Wisenbaker, Sr.

New members announced by Chairman White are: Mark C. Race, a Tyler physician; Hollis Pinyan, chairman of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Board of Directors; Doyle D. Starnes, a Tyler veterinarian with Starnes Animal Clinic; Anita Meyer, area manager/external affairs, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Fred Nichols, president, TCA Cable TV, Inc.; and Tracy Crawford, partner, Ramey Law Firm.

Other members of the Board include James W. Arnold, Henry M. Bell III, Bruce G. Brookshire, Lottie Caldwell, Stuart Chesley, Charles Childers, Herman A. Engel, Martha Fletcher, Marilyn G. Hardy, B.G. Hartley, Dick Hightower, Phil Hurwitz, Milfred L. Lewis, Asa C. Lockhart, Lee Loftis, David G. Lunceford, Robert S. Pirtle, William Pirtle, Edward M. Potter, Joseph L. Prud'homme, Richard L. Ray, Tom Richards, H.L. Richey, A.W. Riter, Jr., A.W. Riter III, Randall L. Roberts, Robert M. Rogers, Bonna Bess Vaughn, Dorothy Fay White, Emma F.



Jack White

Wise, Dan C. Woldert, Jr., and Sam L. Wolf.

Ex officio members are C.C. Baker, Jr., Ken Dance, Jack W. Flock and Raymond M. Hawkins.

Baker, executive director of the TJC Foundation and vice president of development and college relations at TJC, announced that recent major gifts to the Foundation include \$35,000 from Emma F. Wise, which will be used to establish the Emma F. Wise Presidential Scholarship; and \$25,000 from Herman Engel for the Watson W. Wise Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence.

Baker also updated Foundation members that TJC now has 58 presidential scholarships, each representing a minimum endowment of \$25,000 to the Foundation. Each presidential scholarship is an award of \$2,000 to academically-gifted students primarily from East Texas high schools.

The College now has seven teaching chairs, Baker reported. Each teaching chair provides a \$2,000 stipend for outstanding instructors each year so that they may further their education or professional development. Each chair represents a minimum endow-

ment of \$25,000 to the Foundation.

Baker also informed Foundation members that \$30,000 was raised this year at the sixth annual TJC Foundation Golf Tournament, which took place last fall at Willow Brook Country Club. Proceeds are used to help fund intercollegiate athletic scholarships at Tyler Junior College.

Two new giving programs were announced by Baker. They are the Corporate Champion Sponsors, a scholarship program, and the President's Circle, an annual leadership gift program.

The Corporate Champions are "providing student athletes an opportunity to strengthen their athletic skills and begin their college education in an encouraging academic environment," Baker said.

Initial contributors to the Corporate Champion Sponsors are Mother Frances Hospital, East Texas Medical Center, Brookshire Grocery Company and MP Industries.

Members of the President's Circle contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually to the Tyler Junior College Foundation so that the unrestricted funds may be used to implement exceptional programs and projects not covered by local and state funding.

"The TJC Foundation is appreciative of the community support and the individuals who have made significant gifts that benefit TJC's students and programs," said Jack Flock, president of the TJC Board of Trustees.

TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins said, "It is our desire to provide that margin of excellence at TJC which can only come true through this system of giving, both large and small gifts, to the TJC Foundation."

New Foundation Endowments Reported

Two new presidential scholarships and one teaching chair have been established at Tyler Junior College. Each represents a minimum \$25,000 endowment.

With the addition of these scholarships, TJC now has in place 58 presidential scholarships representing a \$1.45 million endowment. The new scholarships are: The Emma F. Wise Presidential Scholarship established by the Watson W. Wise Foundation and The Maurine Genecov Muntz Presidential Scholarship established by Terry and Dennis Darryl, Linda and Paul Lynn, Martin Muntz and Debra Muntz.

The new Watson W. Wise Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence was established by Herman A. Engel. With this addition to the program, TJC now has seven teaching chairs representing a \$175,000 endowment.

"These new gifts from the two families continue strong commitments to Tyler Junior College which began many years ago," said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president. Gracing the campus are the Watson W. Wise and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center, the Wise Auditorium Fine Arts Building and the Aleck Genecov Science and Arts Building.

"Along with bricks and mortar, the families have also created a number of endowments which benefit students and faculty," Hawkins said.

A presidential scholarship provides a \$2,000 yearly stipend to an academically talented high school graduate without regard to financial need.

Each teaching chair, presented every two years, provides a \$2,000 yearly stipend. Recipients, nominated by their peers, are recognized as "master teachers."



Emma F. Wise



Watson W. Wise



Maurine Muntz

Teaching Excellence Awards Presented

Outstanding Tyler Junior College faculty were recognized in January during the general faculty/staff meeting to open the spring semester at the College.

Recipients of three teaching awards were honored, including:

M'Liss Hindman, speech and theatre instructor, who received the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award, established in 1987. The award was presented by TJC Faculty Senate President Steve Green. As the Baker recipient, Hindman received a \$1,000 award. Nominees included John Wheat, science and mathematics; Ken Craver, business and industrial technology; Rollie Schick, health and kinesiology, recreation and athletics; and Dee Miller, health sciences.

Rick Diamond, English instructor, received the Dorothy Fay and Jack White Chair for Teaching Excellence. The award, established in 1989 and presented every two years, was presented by Charles Johnston, English instructor and director of the Success Oriented Studies program, and the 1992 recipient. The \$2,000 annual award recognizes "master teachers."

Mary Adams, English instructor, who received the Watson W. Wise Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence. The award, which was given to TJC in 1993 by Herman A. Engel, also recognizes outstanding teaching. The \$2,000 award was presented by Raymond Van Cleef, executive vice president.

Faculty who are nominated by their peers for the White and Wise teaching chairs were judged by an external panel, which this year included Dr. Jerry D. Morris, president, East Texas State University; Dr. Alvin O. Austin, president, LeTourneau University; and Dr. Dan Angel, president, Stephen F. Austin State University.

Nominees for the two teaching chairs included Adams, Jill Betts, computer science; Beverly Bugay, business and management; Judy Carr, vocational nurse education; Diamond, Elaine Graybill, foreign language; Susie Johnston, reading; Shelley Kersh, computer science; Marsha Layton, geology; Sally McMillan, associate degree nursing; Nancy Norvell, health and kinesiology; Judy Turman, English; Stan Watson, history; John Wheat, mathematics; and Audrey Woods, health and kinesiology.

Best Buddies International Comes to Campus

Tyler Junior College has joined the list of colleges and universities participating in Best Buddies International, a support organization which matches individuals with developmental disabilities with college students to form friendships.

In joining Best Buddies, TJC becomes the first junior college to participate in the five-year-old program, which has grown to 155 colleges and universities across the United States.

Welcoming TJC to the fold last October was Anthony Kennedy Shriver, president and founder of the organization. Shriver is the son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics, and the brother-in-law of body-builder Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Shriver served as the keynote speaker for a fund-raising banquet held on the TJC camp is and participated in a prebanquet news media interview opportunity.

Cheerleaders Compete in National Competition

The Apache cheerleaders placed seventh in their division during the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate National Competition in January.

The TJC cheerleaders received an invitation to the national meet by virtue of their performance in the NCA Division I Cheer Camp in Lawrence, Kansas last May. During that competition, they received the Silver trophy, one of three top awards given to participating cheer groups.

This was the third year the TJC Apache cheerleaders have taken part in the national meet.

Shriver lauded TJC's interest in becoming part of Best Buddies and likened the enthusiasm for the TJC chapter to the response he and his colleagues received in 1987 when the first chapter of Best Buddies was launched at Georgetown University, where Shriver was a student.

"It starts, in my judgment, on one college campus in a small way, or it starts in a small community like Tyler, which I'd never even heard of before. They're doing incredible things right here in this community... When people ask if one person can make a difference, I think they absolutely can, and it starts in your back yard. That's where Special Olympics started, was in my back yard and now it is in 110 countries today and involves a million athletes."

Shriver said he organized Best Buddies to raise community awareness of the need for persons deemed mentally retarded or developmentally disabled to have friendships. He said he became aware of the needs of "special people" because of his mother's enthusiasm for Special Olympics, which he said began when his mother invited several children with developmental disabilities over to swim in the Shriver home swimming pool.

"I think one of the most important issues or biggest challenges that anyone has in their daily life is the challenge to have friends, the challenge for companionship, the challenge to remove themselves from some sort of social isolationism, to overcome the feeling of loneliness," Shriver said.

Eleven TJC "college buddies" have been matched to individuals with developmental disabilities and have begun forming friendships, said Rebecca Foster. The program will expand to involve more students as the year progresses.

TJC President Named to SACS Appeals Committee

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of Tyler Junior College, has been nominated to serve a three-year term as a member of the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



SACS, founded in 1895, is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States and covers 11 southern states, including Texas.

The Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly serves as the final appeal body for member and candidate institutions which have been reviewed and on which negative action has been taken by the Commission on Colleges.

Members of the Appeals Committee make final decisions about the accreditation status of institutions.

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Plastics Technology Program Approved by Board

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has given approval to the implementation of a plastics technology program at Tyler Junior College, TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins announced.

The new program would be a "one-plus-one-plus-two" program, meaning students who major in plastics technology could receive a one-year certificate or a two-year associate of applied science degree in plastics technology from TJC.

In addition, those wishing to continue their education beyond the associate degree level could receive a bachelor of science in technology degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. The bachelor of science in technology degree is possible because of an articulation agreement reached between the two schools, Hawkins said.

The approval of the Coordinating Board finalizes a two-year effort on the part of TJC and the Tyler Economic Development Council to bring quality plastics technology training to Tyler in order to meet the needs of area plastics manufacturers.

"This is a prime example of TJC listening to the concerns of area industry and responding with timely, quality training in an effort to maintain a growing industry in East Texas," Hawkins said. "There is also the hope and genuine belief that this program will serve to attract more employers to the Tyler area."

A TJC survey of East Texas plastics manufacturers conducted in 1991 indicated a strong desire for new employee training and the need for continued training of those already working in the plastics industry.

TJC conducted the survey after Tom Mullins, executive director of the TEDC, contacted the College about the need for such training.

The associate of applied science degree in plastics technology will include a course study of 61 semester hours. The one-year certificate would

encompass 30 semester hours in plastics training.

Training will take place at the TJC Regional Training and Development Complex where adequate classroom and laboratory space is already available. In addition, much of the necessary equipment will be provided by area plastics manufacturers. These manufacturers have indicated a desire to provide state-of-the-art equipment on a rotating basis, Hawkins said.

Hawkins anticipates the program beginning in the fall semester, 1994.

"This culminates, literally, months of work and the efforts of a lot of individuals who see this as a need to be met in the East Texas area," Hawkins said. "We're delighted to be able to provide this kind of training in a high-tech industry which has such a bright future and we believe the manufacturers already in place in East Texas and the attraction of others will bring many jobs to the region."

Optician Technician Program Accepting Applications for Fall

The Division of Health Sciences at Tyler Junior College is currently accepting applications for fall admission to the optician program, a limited enrollment program through which students can receive a certificate of proficiency.

"Recipients of certificates of proficiency in the program typically find employment as dispensing opticians, optical office workers, optical lab technicians, physicians' assistants and optical products salespeople," said Alan Rasco, dean of health sciences.

Students in the program must complete a 39-hour curriculum, which includes a regular fall and spring semester and a six-week summer session.

TJC is one of only five schools in the nation offering the optician technician program.

Math, Science Meet Draws Middle School Girls to TJC Campus

Young women in 6th, 7th and 8th grades were on campus in February for a conference geared toward increasing interest in math and science.

Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics is a conference held nationwide each year to introduce young women to math- and science-related careers and the advantages they offer. Last year over 16,000 women across the nation attended the conferences. The 1994 conference held at TJC was attended by 509 middle school women and 60 adults.

This year's conference included hands-on workshops and discussions on a variety of topics, including accounting, living better and longer, determining consumer trends, teamwork and "imagineering," veterinary care, medical technology, problem-solving, computer technology, the immune system, occupational therapy, mathematics, spotting fire hazards, the connection between math and music, chemistry in the beauty shop, the wonder of the stars, protecting endangered species, healthy breathing, the future of nuclear medicine, dentistry in the '90s, landscape design, crime laboratory techniques, how to not be afraid of math, the life of a zookeeper, bridge-building, planning for the future, computer-aided drafting, architectural engineering and nursing.

Keynote speaker for the daylong conference was Dr. Shirley Barrett, Miss America 1975 and author of *Expanding Your Horizons While Establishing Realistic Goals*.

Grant Allows Continuation of Mentoring At-Risk Youth

A grant allowing Tyler Junior College to continue operation of Reaching Out: College Mentoring for At-Risk Youth has been approved by the Governor's Office, Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, executive vice president, has announced.

The Reaching Out program matches students from TJC, Texas College and the University of Texas at Tyler with at-risk elementary and middle school students from within the Tyler Independent School District. The program debuted in the fall of 1992.

TISD students from participating schools who have been deemed at-risk by TISD officials are matched with college mentors. Mentors work one-to-one with the at-risk students through activities such as goal setting, involvement in group activities at school, tutoring and reinforcement of appropriate social behavior.

Training and other support services for Reaching Out are provided by the Mental Health Association of Tyler. Clint Roxburgh, president-elect of the Mental Health Association, said mentors are screened and trained as role models, tutors, and advocates for the students with whom they work. They provide emotional support, offer

help with school work and share in recreational activities with the younger students, he said.

Mentors spend 2-4 hours per week with their assigned student.

About 90 students in grades 2-8 were involved in Reaching Out during the 1992-93 school year, said Frankie Muffoletto, TJC dean of students.

The total grant amount for 1993-94 is \$52,124, with the state allocating \$41,726.

The federal grant is issued through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office in accordance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

TJC must reapply for the grant each year with any money awarded by the state being reduced by about 20 percent annually, Muffoletto said. Reaching Out will not be eligible for the CJD grant after its fifth year.

"The state provides these funds through the grant program as seed money for local efforts like this," Muffoletto explained. "The intent is for these funds to help get worthwhile projects started and for them to continue to function on their own after five years."

Ambulance on Loan to TJC Becomes a Teaching Laboratory

East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Service has loaned Tyler Junior College an ambulance to use as a mobile teaching laboratory, said Tony Myers, EMS vice president and general manager.

The ambulance, also known as a mobile intensive care unit, is being used in the TJC emergency medical technician program. The ambulance allows students to receive hands-on experience while familiarizing themselves with an actual ambulance layout.

"The students can use the emergency vehicle to simulate actual emergency calls," Myers said. "In addition, emergency medical technician students learn the basic mechanical operations of the vehicle."

"We are extremely pleased with the agreement between TJC and EMS," said Gene Gandy, director of emergency medical technology at TJC. "EMS has been instrumental in teaching our students the best paramedicine available. We are fortunate to have a good working relationship with East Texas Medical Center EMS and truly appreciate what EMS does."



State Representative Robert Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, second from left, was keynote speaker for Tyler Junior College's spring convocation held in January. The evening before he was the honoree at a reception hosted by Tyler Junior College, the University of Texas at Tyler and the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. Pictured from left are: Dr. George A. Hurst, UT Health Center director; Junell; State Representative Bob Glaze, a member of the House Appropriations Committee; Dr. George F. Hamm, UT Tyler president; and Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, TJC executive vice president.

Graduates Score High on Radiologic Tech Exam

Sixteen graduates of the radiologic technology program at Tyler Junior College took the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists examination last fall and all passed, Dean of Health Sciences Alan Rasco announced.

The students completed a minimum of 72 hours to receive associate of applied science degrees in radiologic technology.

Radiological technology is a cooperative program with East Texas medical facilities and is designed to provide skilled technologists in diagnostic medical radiography. The program is accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education in cooperation with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Rasco also announced that 73 of 75 vocational nurse education graduates who took the State Board of Vocational Nursing Examiners examination passed, for a 97 percent success rate.

Successful completion of vocational nursing curriculum leads to a certificate of proficiency. Only those students who have completed a program of education approved by the State Board and who have successfully passed the state licensing exam are authorized to practice as licensed vocational nurses.

TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins, center, accepts a \$3,500 gift from LaGloria Oil and Gas Company for use in the College's general education fund. Making the presentation were Personnel Director Hugh Kenner, left, and Vice President Ron Chapman.

Executive Reorganization Announcement Made

Dr. Raymond Van Cleef was named executive vice president of Tyler Junior College in January. He serves as chief operating officer of the College with the responsibility of coordinating all internal functions of the institution, said TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins.



Dr. Raymond Van Cleef

"Specifically, he will supervise and coordinate the work of the other vice presidents . . . in the development and implementation of College policies, programs and procedures," Dr. Hawkins said.

Dr. Van Cleef came to TJC in 1983 as vice president of educational and student services. He had previously served as dean of instruction from 1975-1983 and was dean of student development from 1969-1975 at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth.

He has also served as a consultant to the government of Vietnam on educational development programs for the Agency of International Development, U.S. State Department.

Dr. Van Cleef received his doctorate from the University of Wyoming, his master's degree from Sul Ross State University and his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University.

Dr. Van Cleef, a former baseball player in the Detroit Tigers organization, is past president of the Junior College Student Personnel Association of Texas and has served as adjunct professor at Texas Christian University Graduate School of Education.

He is a member of Marvin United Methodist Church, Rotary Club of Tyler, the Mental Health Association of Tyler and the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and numerous professional higher education associations.



Scholarship Created With \$6,000 Gift to College

Renown classical guitarist Pepe Romero played before a crowd of over 500 on campus in January and used the occasion to present the guitar on which he played to TJC.

The guitar was made in Germany by Gerald Karl Hannabach and was personally selected by Romero. It was purchased for TJC with funds given by the Shell Foundation and a retired Shell Oil Company employee and former TJC student, Billy Flowers. Its estimated worth is \$6,000, said Frank Kimlicko, TJC music instructor.

Following the concert, Romero presented the guitar to freshman music student Todd Hale, who was selected to receive the Celedonio Romero Guitar Scholarship. Hale will play the guitar as part of his music studies during his sophomore year, Kimlicko said.

The scholarship was created with the gift of the guitar and was named in honor of Romero's father, also a respected classical guitarist. In addition to the use of the guitar, the scholarship will pay for Hale's guitar lessons at TJC next year.

"My father is still my role model," Romero told the crowd. "He still comes over in the morning and teaches me."

The top, sides and back of the Excelsa model guitar were constructed of fine grain European spruce and Brazilian rosewood. The neck is made from Spanish cedar and the bridge and fingerboard of African ebony.



Dr. Cornel West, professor of religion and director of Afro-American Studies at Princeton University, spoke to a capacity crowd at Wise Auditorium on campus last month. The lecture was free and open to TJC students and the general public. West spoke on problems facing the African-American urban underclass in America and what he refers to as a feeling of powerlessness in American society, a feeling fueled by racial division. The program, titled "Race Matters" as is Dr. West's latest of nine books he has authored, was part of a yearlong Cultural Arts/Student Enrichment Series supported by the Rogers Endowment for Excellence and Mrs. D. K. Caldwell/Caldwell Schools, Inc.

Noted Music Professor Joins Faculty Last Fall

Noted conductor and composer William Hill joined the Tyler Junior College music and dance program staff as a part-time instructor in the fall.

Hill, a professor of music emeritus at California State University at Los Angeles and a conductor and composer of international acclaim, joined TJC after moving to East Texas from Southern California.

He is an active recitalist and chamber musician on the flute, clarinet and saxophone, and remains an active composer, having written 12 concerti or solo works for various instruments for both orchestra and wind ensemble.

"We're very fortunate to have Bill with our program," said Cheryl Rogers, director of music and dance. "He's an internationally known composer, adjudicator and instructor. He'll be working primarily with the instrumental chamber ensemble, in wind ensemble literature, and also with a woodwind trio."

Hill is a two-time recipient of the Oswalt-American Bandmasters Association award for musical excellence. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States, Europe, Japan and Australia.

"I've been impressed with what I've heard from these young musicians so far," Hill said of his work at TJC. "There's a lot of talent here and the students are very nice and want to learn. What we're trying to do now is to set a tradition of excellence like that already established with the Apache Band, something that will remain for years to come."

Hill earned his bachelor of arts, bachelor of music and master of arts degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, and concluded three years of post-graduate study at University of California at Los Angeles.

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Upcoming Events This Spring

March 19—Yin Chen Zong, *Pianist*

Yin is the most renowned pianist from the People's Republic of China. As a young artist he won many competitions, but his most significant award was a Silver Medal in the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. His North American debut at Carnegie Hall was triumphant. Mr. Yin continues to perform in the major music capitals of the world and in small cities as well. *Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

April 15-16—Extravaganza IV, Apache Belle Spring Show, *Wise Auditorium, 8 p.m.*

April 22—Spring Choral Concert, *Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

April 26—James A. Bill, *Lecturer*

A comparative study of politics and society in the Middle East will be the focus of the lecture. Dr. Bill, professor of government and director of the Reves Center for International Studies at The College of William and Mary, has appeared with Walter Cronkite and Mike Wallace of CBS News, the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour on public television, and other national television programs. *Rogers Student Center, 10 a.m.*

April 26—Spring Band Concert, *Caldwell Auditorium, 7 p.m.*

April 28—Jazz Band Concert, *Gentry Gymnasium, 7 p.m.* *DanceFest, Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.*

April 28-May 3—The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 by John Bishop, Directed by Victor L. Siller

An ingenious and wildly comic romp that pokes antic fun at the more ridiculous aspects of show-biz and the corny thrillers of Hollywood's heyday. *Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.*

FFA Horticulture Contest Planned for April

Students from high schools throughout East Texas will compete in the first Future Farmers of America Horticulture Contest at the Tyler Junior College Regional Training and Development Complex, April 14.

Competition is open to any high school student whose school is participating, said Joe Shannon, director of life sciences at TJC.

Shannon said the competition is the only one being held in the state of Texas this school year, with the

exception of the Texas A&M University statewide contest.

Any FFA chapter may enter two teams in the contests. Each team will consist of five students. Awards will be given to top individuals and top teams.

Agriculture instructors from most area high schools will be contacted about the competition through a letter from the College, Shannon said. However, schools which have not been contacted but wish to participate are welcome to do so.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources, wrote an article entitled, "ITC To Co-Sponsor Distance Educational Conference" for the ITC News.

Brian Turman, director, purchasing and central services, was selected as a member of Class VIII of Leadership Tyler.

Manouchehr Khosrowshahi, government instructor, appeared on KLTV's nightly news last fall to speak about the Israeli and Palestinian accord and its implications for the United States and global peace.

Pamela Wade, dental hygiene instructor, presented "Good Nutrition for the '90s" last fall to the Tyler Civitan Club. Wade, who serves on the Professional Development Committee, attended the North Texas Junior and Community College Consortium meeting in October at Mountain View College in Dallas.

Linda Zeigler, instructor/director, journalism and student publications,



was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Smith County Habitat for Humanity. She has also been invited to membership in *Who's Who Among*

American Educators (1992-93), *Who's Who of Global Business Leaders* (1993-94), *World Who's Who of Women* (1993-94) and *International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women* (1993-94).

Alan Rasco, dean of health sciences, presented a lecture at the 13th annual Respiratory Care Symposium entitled, "Paradigms: Creating the Future in Respiratory Care."

Paul Weskamp, instructor/director, respiratory therapy, presented "Rapid Sequence Induction for Endotracheal Intubation" at the 13th Annual Respiratory Care Symposium. Weskamp is also on the planning committee for the East Texas Respiratory Seminars.

O N C A M P U S

David Murray, instructor, art, served as juror for the 1993 East Texas Fine Arts Citation Show.

Kenneth Stegall, instructor, respiratory therapy, serves on the planning committee for the East Texas Respiratory Seminars.

Judy Barnes, reading instructor, recently passed the Texas Board of Interpreters exam to become a certified interpreter for the deaf. Judy received her training from the TJC continuing education sign language program.

Gene Gandy, instructor/director, emergency medical technology, was featured in the September/October 1993 issue of "Texas EMS."

Candice Garner, assistant director of student financial aid and scholarships, and **Reggie Brazzle**, director of student financial aid and scholarships, attended the 26th annual Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference in Austin last fall.

Donna Kachlic, outreach counselor, support services, spoke to Tyler's Head Start Parent's group last fall about the educational opportunities at TJC. She serves as vice president of programs for Tyler Human Service Providers Association.



Athena Russell, director, community services, presented "Don't Grow Old Gracefully, Grow Old Actively," to two sessions at the Regional Elder Awareness Conference Training Workshop held in Tyler. Russell also concluded her year-long reign as president of the Texas Association of Community Service and Continuing Education. Russell is currently serving a one-year term as immediate past president.

Paula Russell, director, learning resource collections, attended a seminar at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort

Worth on "Introduction to Preservation Issues and Practices" last fall.

Renee Hawkins, tutor/study skills manager, support services, presented "Tutor Trends 2000" at the Junior College Student Personnel Association of Texas' 25th annual conference in Odessa in October. She also attended the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Program Regional Conference in New Orleans. **Vickie Geisel**, counselor/director, support services, presented to the organization "To



Ed.D., Ph.D. or Not to Ed.D., Ph.D.," and she won the new member contest. Geisel also presented on a Starlink Teleconference "Auditing,

Monitoring and Financial Reporting Relating To Carl Perkins Vocational Technical Education Programs."

Martha Round, secretary, support services, attended a SkillPath workshop, "The Indispensable Assistant," last fall.

Chris Smith, instructor, psychology/sociology and **Shelley Kersh**, instructor, computer science are serving on the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Enrique Ramirez, instructor/director, history and geography, has been reappointed as chairman of the Tyler Community Development Commission. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of about \$1.2 million in federal funds.

Charline Wallis Perlewitz, instructor/director, art, participated in Career Day at Whitehouse High School last fall. She shared information with students interested in majoring in art at TJC.

Jimmy Rozell, instructor, biology, hosted the Central East Texas Orchid Society meeting last November. He

also presented a program, "Propagation of Phalaenopsis Orchids."

John Hays, instructor, Spanish/director, foreign language, attended the evaluation session of the Improving Foreign Language Education at Community Colleges Project last fall in San Antonio.

Carol Steinberg, residential life specialist, attended the National Association for Campus Activities Conference this winter.

Lori Stimpson, **Mitch Rhodes**, **Cindy Jackson** and **Christi Brazil**, residential life specialists, attended the Supervisory Skills Workshop at Texas Woman's University last fall.

Adriana Stanley, special populations counselor, support services, attended the Association on Higher Education and Disability Exemplary Products and Strategies from Successful Projects Regional Workshop in San Antonio last fall. She also attended an American Counseling Association Workshop on personality disorders held in Dallas.

Elaine Graybill, instructor, French and Spanish, presented "Madame Bovary: From Novel to Film" in the Women in French section of the regional meeting of the South Central Modern Language Association in Austin last fall.

Delton Wright, instructor, health and kinesiology and head football coach, was named Co-Coach of the Year by the Texas Junior College Football Conference.



Molly McCoy, instructor of music, was featured soloist in the community-wide Messiah-Sing in Tyler last December.

Ernest Paul Pewitt, manager, registrar operations, recently participated in the Career Day program at New Diana High School.

A L U M N I

Class Notes

1926

T. Glaucius Barton retired many years ago from Swift International-Chicago. He recently moved from Colorado Springs to Fort Worth.

1929

A.O. McCary writes he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to be near their daughter and her husband who is a professor at the University of Utah Medical School. Their daughter is a librarian there. A.O., who retired as a general surgeon in 1979, says he and Margaret will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 5, 1994. He says he "cherishes" his years at TJC and sends his best to the College.

1939

Claud Brown and his wife, Bernice, live in Port Arthur, Texas where he is semiretired as a real estate and insurance agent. At present he still operates his mortgage company making and collecting home loans. Claud was

responsible for getting Bob Hope to come to Port Arthur and help build the Bob Hope Vocational High School, the only one of its kind in the United States. His twin daughters, Charlene and Charlotte Brown, are graduates of TJC. The Browns endowed the Claud Brown Scholarship for Handicapped Individuals at TJC.

1948

T.A. "Speedy" Pinkerson was recently recognized as Pioneer Scout by the East Texas Association of Landmen.

1951

Joe J. Burks is president of Certified Roses, Inc. and general manager of Co-Operative Rose Growers. Both companies are in Tyler.

1954

Bill C. Malone, a professor of history at Tulane University in New Orleans, has written a new book, *Singing Cowboys and Musical Mountaineers* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1993).

1958

Hal Z. Smith lives in Tyler and is president and CEO of Employee Benefits Plus. He coordinates the Reading is Fundamental program in Tyler for area preschools.

1959

Jim K. Brown, Jr. serves as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, Texas.

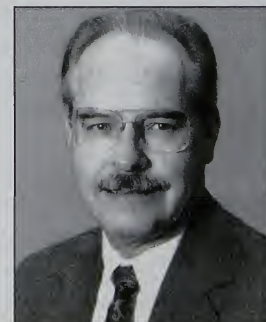
1961

Kenneth Cline returned to Tyler last fall to begin work as Smith County Engineer. He had held a similar position for Harrison County.

Jimmy Lovelady directs the technical vocational division at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial

education from Texas A&M University. He is a doctoral candidate at A&M. "I knew I wanted to teach in a

community college from the first year I attended one," said Jimmy. "I was influenced by the teachers on the community college level." In 1982 his colleagues at Angelina College selected him outstanding faculty member of the year. In 1991 the AC faculty nominated him for the Minnie Piper Stevens Outstanding Teacher Award. He serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Angelina Rotary Club and the Lufkin State School Volunteer Service Council.



During homecoming last fall, the classes from 1926-37 held their annual reunion at Rogers Student Center on campus. Attendees included, from left, Laura Chandler '32, Dorothy Albertson '32, Dorice Baker '32, Hazel Sutton '34 and Helen Patterson '34.

A L U M N I

1962

Ed Cage lives in Plano, Texas where he is a commercial artist and political consultant. He founded his advertising company, Art Board, in 1970.

1963

Maurice F. Shaw's book, *Stonewall Jackson's Surgeon: Hunter Holmes McGuire M.D.*, has received an honorable mention in the October 1993 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The Society of Civil War Surgeons' newsletter review states: "Mr. Shaw writes in an interesting, clear, and pleasurable style that leaves the reader wanting more . . . The only criticism, if one can even call it that, is that the book is too short. I kept wanting to read more details on McGuire's life. Perhaps Mr. Shaw will expand upon an already excellent book and write a more in-depth, detailed edition. On a scale of 1 to 10, we give this book 8 scalpels . . ."

1965

William G. Barger serves as chairman-elect for the American Bar Association Science and Technology Section, a section of more than 5,000 members. He practices law in Short Hills, New Jersey.

Sam C. Kidd lives in Tyler where he is branch manager for Beacon Federal Credit Union serving 18 employers and 3,400 members in the Tyler area. Sam earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, 1967 and 1976 respectively.

Kay (Christoffer) Hynes, a former Apache Belle, lives in Mexia, Texas.

Steve Breakfield lives in Lafayette, Louisiana with his wife, Mary Jeanne. Their children are Neal, 21, a senior physics major at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi; Jo Ellen, 18, a freshman journalism major at the University of Southwestern, LA; and Daniel, 17, a high school junior. Steve, a University of Texas at Arlington

graduate, is a geologist with the LA Office of Mineral Resources in Baton Rouge. He serves as secretary of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies 1995 Convention Committee. "Although my times at TJC were brief, I remember the school fondly," says Steve. "It's a great institution and a real asset to the community."

1966

Larry Lucht joined Nellie Melone Realty in Marshall, Texas last fall. He was previously associated with his family at the Capreo Drive-In Theatre and was owner of the Peanut Shack at Marshall Mall. He holds a B.B.A. degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and an M.B.A. from the University of North Texas.

1972

Richard S. Eltife is owner/manager of Rick's, a restaurant in Tyler.

1973

Bryan P. Rossman lives in Tyler with his wife, Laurie, and their children, Bear and Lauren. Bryan is vice president of C Construction.

1974

Dan D. Manuel for 21 years has served as minister of the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas. He



hosts a television program, "Give Me the Bible," for KETK Region 56 TV in Tyler. He is also a panelist on a national television program, "Campaign America," that appears in 46 states.

1975

James L. Smith lives in Katy, Texas where he is employed with Energy Development Corp. Production.

1976

Glenn W. Wiggins recently joined C.A.S. E. Management Associates, Inc. of Tyler as coordinator for corporate relations and special programs. Glenn, who holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, is active in civic organizations.

Donna Bullock stars as Maggie Clemons in the NBC television family drama "Against the Grain." The series debuted last fall.

Kevin K. Garrison was recently elected assistant vice president for Citizens 1st Bank of Tyler, Rusk, Jacksonville and Nacogdoches. He and his wife, Denise, have two children, Patrick and Callie.

1977

Kathryn (Carney) Blalock for the past two years has lived in Keflavik, Iceland with her husband and their children, 10-year-old Amanda and 8-year-old Darryl. Kathryn is a social service assistant with Family Advocacy at the Naval Hospital in Keflavik. Her husband, a master chief in the U.S. Navy, will retire in May after 20 years of service. They plan to return to Tyler to live.

1979

Anetha D. Francis, of Tyler, was recently promoted to coordinator of recruitment and admissions at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. Anetha was a secretary to the counseling center at TJC from 1978-81.

1981

Mike Fox is employed with Century 21 Fugler & Fugler in Marshall, Texas. He resides in Karnack, Texas.

Wanda (Morris) Feliciano married Jose Feliciano '82 in May 1992. Wanda

is a "stay-at-home" mom to daughter, April, born August 10, 1993. She works part time with Jose at Jose Feliciano Insurance, an independent agency specializing in health insurance.

1982

Robert E. Durham is manager of Longview (Texas) Cable Television, Inc. He and his wife, Judy, have two daughters, Allie, 7, and Erin, 3.

1983

Jeffrey R. Sollars married Deanne McInnis in October. He is a regional sales manager for Consolidated Nurseries, Inc. of Tyler.

Stephen Beckendorf is a CPA living in Dallas.

1984

Jerry L. Fowler lives in Grand Saline, Texas with his wife, Marianna, and children, 3-year-old Jeremy and 3-month-old Caitlin. He attended Dallas Baptist University. He is employed with E-Systems, a government defense contractor in Greenville, Texas.

Linda (Beckendorf) Leschnitzer and **Dale Leschnitzer** '83 announce the birth of Clara Elizabeth on January 17, 1994. They live in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

David Coe, who holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Tyler, is employed as an associate examiner in the Department of Banking Supervision at Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Kristy (Duke) Fisher is a computer systems analyst at the University of Texas at Austin. Her degree is from UT Tyler.

Mary Ann (Beckendorf) Troyer and her husband, **Jim Troyer**, announce the birth of Emily Kay on October 15, 1993. They live in Richardson, Texas.

1985

Frankie Yvette (Richardson) Gipson and her husband announce the birth of their first child, Jarren Emil Gipson, on September 25, 1993. He

weighed in at 7 lb. and 3 ozs. They live in Tyler.

Charlotte Allen holds a B.S. degree in advertising from the University of Texas at Austin and a M.B.A. degree from Baylor University. She is educational marketing representative at Computerland in Tyler.

Ula D. (Cofer) Davis was recently employed as career placement officer at the University of Texas at Tyler. Ula, who previously worked for Marathon Oil Company, earned a M.S. degree in technology: training and development from UT Tyler in 1991 with a 4.0 grade point average.

Sharon (Hess) Rice teaches 7th and 8th grade mathematics at Mabank Junior High School in Mabank, Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Kay Evelyn Barnes graduated in December from Stephen F. Austin State University with a master of science degree.

1986

Marvin Harman, Jr., a University of Texas at Tyler graduate, is a staff accountant and assistant to the chief executive officer of BankOne, Texas in Tyler.

Rena (Jernigan) Killebrew and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Hayden Killebrew on December 2, 1993. Hayden weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Chante Mazy and her husband, D'Wayne Bolton, live in Jacksonville where they make and sell hippie hats.

Rebecca (Miller) Mangum is self-employed as a CPA and recently took over Gary Faunce's CPA firm in Tyler. Her degree is from the University of Texas at Tyler.

1987

Jody Jordan lives in Eagle Lake, Texas where he teaches American and world history as well as coaching both boys' and girls' cross country at Rice High School. He also coaches the wide receivers and defensive secondary in football.

Holly (Davis) Thomson teaches 1st grade for DODDS in Germany where she lives with her husband, U.S. Army Captain John Thomson, commander of an artillery battery. Following graduation from the University of North Texas in 1989, Holly taught 6th grade reading and English at Bullard (Texas) Middle School.

Kim Kinney is employed as an accountant with Kurt Massing, CPA in Tyler. She holds a degree from the University of Texas at Tyler where she is currently working on a master's degree.

Leslie (Murrah) Wood lives in Denison, Texas with her husband, Larry Wood, M.D., and their son, Matthew David. Leslie holds a B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Texas at Tyler, and taught kindergarten for two years. She now stays at home with Matthew.

Regina Rumford recently returned from Ireland where she taught 1st grade. She previously taught 1st grade in Houston after receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University. She currently lives in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Lt. j.g. David A. Walch received the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal for his professional excellence at the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island last August. The medal was awarded to Walch for performing his "demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner," said James D. Coulson on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy. He graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California in 1991 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He received a commission in the Navy as a special duty intelligence officer. His wife, Kathryn, is a second-year law student at the University of Puget Sound School of Law in Tacoma, Washington. They live in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Michael Wade Jistel was recently promoted to branch manager of Norwest Financial, Inc. in Garland, Texas.

A L U M N I

1988

Wes Rossman and his wife **Cynthia (Nelson) Rossman** '90 live in Tyler where he is marketing director for ISIS Investigations. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Paige Giles, former Apache Belle, was recently promoted to manager of the Express in Tyler. She has been with the company for two years.

Heath Huffstetter works as an accountant with Chapter 13 Trustee Law Offices in Tyler. He earned his degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Micah Lewis graduated from East Texas State University and teaches math in Grand Saline, Texas. He is married to **Susan Cole** '89.

John Currey received a master's degree in music performance from the Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri at Kansas City in June 1993. He earned a B.A. degree in music from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1990. John enjoys his teaching profession and performing with various music groups and orchestras.

Mande Marshall holds a music education degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. She currently attends SFA working on a master's degree in vocal performance.

Christi (Stewart) Thrash is employed with Chris Brumlow CPA firm in Tyler. She holds a degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

1989

Tonya (Pack) Adams attends the University of Texas at Tyler majoring in accounting. She works at Southside State Bank in Tyler as assistant to the controller.

Ginger Gaye (Hall) Schmitt is a sales consultant for United States Cellular mobile communications network in East Texas.

Maxine Barnette was one of five women honored last fall as the Pales-

tine (Texas) Noon Business and Professional Women Club celebrated National BPW Week. Maxine is a certified professional legal secretary and certified legal assistant. She is in her third year as Anderson County District Clerk. She is a certified tutor for the Palestine Public Library's literacy program teaching a Spanish-speaking student to read, write and speak English. Maxine is active in numerous civic groups. She and her husband, Bill, have four children and five grandchildren.

Juan Medrano, Jr. attends Texas A&M University and will graduate in May with a computer engineering degree. He works part time in the Computer Engineering Lab at A&M.

Tracey (Ripley) Adkinson graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in December 1993 with a B.B.A. degree in marketing. Her husband, **Kelly**, is also a former TJC student.

Susan (Cole) Lewis earned a degree from Texas A&M University.

Benjamin Petty graduates from the University of Texas at Tyler in May with a degree in computer science.

Steven Tramble graduated in December 1993 from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed as a mapping technician with the City of Arlington.

Jason Rabe attends Parker College of Chiropractic Medicine.

1990

Cynthia (Nelson) Rossman is a 4th-year math teacher at John Tyler High School in Tyler. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and computer science from the University of Texas at Tyler. She and her husband, **Wes** '88, live in Tyler.

Paula Marie Sovia graduated cum laude in education and received a B.S. degree in interdisciplinary studies. She was named to the President's Honor Roll once and the Dean's List five times.

Eve Galbreath graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992 with a B.A. degree in journalism. Eve, a former Apache Belle, is now employed by J. Walter Thompson in Dallas.

Kimberly Harvey-Flores is in her last year at the University of Texas at Tyler majoring in psychology. She plans to obtain a master's degree and counsel abuse victims.

Spencer Chambls lives in Tyler where he is a retail sales representative for Sprint Cellular.

Grey Jackson graduates this spring from the University of Texas at Tyler with a major in general studies. He works part time for KVNE-KGLY radio station.

Michael Paul Goad graduated cum laude from Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas last fall. He received the Carl Parker Award for academic achievement at the college. He practices in Marshall, Texas.

Carrie Ann (Jasper) Houser attends the University of Texas at Tyler and plans to graduate in December 1994. She works part time and is a full-time wife and mom.

Amy Mooring graduated in May from Baylor University with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Misti Nelson is a premed major at the University of Texas at Austin. She plans to graduate in the spring of 1994 and is making application to medical school.

Brad Shipman attends Baylor University and works part time for the college's Gerontology Department.

Ariana Vierkant graduates from the University of Texas at Tyler in May. She is applying for admission into medical school.

Pam Wiggins lives in Tyler with her husband, Jim, and their children, Jennifer, 2, and Amanda, 7. She is a legal assistant to attorney H.L. McGee.

Mindy Mason graduates from East Texas State University this spring. She is a former Apache Belle.

1991

Tara Teres Williams graduated cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University with a B.A. degree in English. Her minor was in communications and speech. She was named to the Dean's List two times.

Timothy B. Honnoll attends Stephen F. Austin State University.

Terry Kristin Perdue graduated from Texas A&M University last fall with a B.B.A. degree in management. She is currently employed in accounting at Sam's Wholesale Club in College Station, Texas.

Lisa (Warren) Garrison, a former TJC dean's scholar, serves as editor of *The Shorthorn*, a daily newspaper for the University of Texas at Arlington.

Cathye Cannon Carmichael graduated summa cum laude in the Stephen F. Austin State University College of Applied Arts and Sciences with a maximum 4.0 grade point average and was one of two students recognized for top honors. She was named to the President's Honor Roll four times.

Michelle Hames was crowned Miss Tyler in January. Along with the crown came a \$2,500 scholarship from



the University of Texas at Tyler, which she plans to use to earn a master of education degree in health and kinesiology. She will compete in

the Miss Texas pageant in July in Fort Worth.

Kysia Adrilyn Showen graduated summa cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University with a 3.85 grade point average and received a B.S. degree in home economics with a major in interior design and a minor in art.

Grayson Houck received a bachelor of science degree in history from East Texas Baptist University last fall.

1992

Angela (Chaney) Brown attends the University of Texas at Tyler.

Scott Michael Craig attends Stephen F. Austin State University.

Charles Cavanaugh is a general studies major at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Joe Wilbert is a junior at Texas A&M University.

Phyllis Winters and her daughter, **Cheryl Langston**, graduated together last fall from the University of Texas at Tyler. They plan to teach early childhood education.

Amber Haywood attends the University of North Texas majoring in marketing.

Christa Kimlicko attends the University of Oklahoma at Norman majoring in fine arts and theatre.

Tammy Petty attends Texas Woman's University where she is majoring in physical therapy.

Amy Pickens changed her major to engineering and is back at TJC getting some basics before she transfers.

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Sharon and Charles Robert "Robby" Whitney live in Tyler where she is a senior at UT Tyler. She also works part time at Dillard's.

Brian Losure received an internship with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young in Dallas for the spring. Brian was named to the Dean's List at the University of Texas at Austin for earning a 4.0 grade point average in the accounting honors program for the Fall 1993 semester.

1993

Matthew R. Lester, was among 102 out of 466 applicants to be accepted to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin. Matthew graduated from TJC's prepharmacy program with high honors.

Maxie Taylor Weaver graduated cum laude in applied arts and sciences and received a B.S. degree in social work from Stephen F. Austin State University last fall. She was named to the Dean's List three times.

Lisa Camp, a TJC presidential scholar, transferred to Texas Tech University after graduating last May. In a letter to TJC counselor Mary Beal she said that "TJC was probably one of the best experiences I've had thus far. And although I did not realize it at the time, I could not have made a better choice when choosing to attend there. It was the absolute perfect stepping stone on the way to a four-year institution."

Nathan Burgess attends the University of Oklahoma at Norman where he is a music theatre major.

Deaths

1935

George B. Allen, 78, died November 27, 1993 after a long illness. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated from Baylor Medical College in Dallas in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He opened his medical practice in 1947 in Tyler and retired in 1990. Dr. Allen served as past president of the Smith County Medical Society, and was a member of the Texas Medical Association, American Medical Society and the Texas Ophthalmological Association. He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

1940

Jack H. Davis, 68, of Tyler died December 19, 1993. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He received a bachelor's and master's degree from East Texas State University. He was employed by the Tyler Independent School District as a teacher from 1950-65 and as principal of Boulter Junior High until retirement. Survivors include his wife and two daughters.

1954

Fred S. Buchanan of Rusk, Texas died suddenly on July 24, 1993. Survivors include his wife, Mary Emma (Ray) Buchanan (class of '55), two daughters and one granddaughter. Fred was retired as manager of Cherokee County Electric Cooperative in Rusk.

1962

James E. "Jim" Davidson, 52, of Garland, Texas died January 24, 1994. He held a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's from West Texas State University. He was publications advisor for Robert E. Lee High School in 1971-72 before joining the staff at Texas Tech. At the time of

his death, he was a journalism teacher at Lake Highlands High School. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and three grandchildren.

1967

William Robert "Billy Bob" Miller of Deer Park, Texas died November 16, 1993. The U.S. Navy veteran held a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Houston. Survivors include his wife, and two daughters.

1969

Nancy (Gaskill) Robinson, 44, of Austin died September 17, 1993. She was a member of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, her parents and a brother.

O.D. "Dale" Williams, of Austin, died September 19, 1993. He was employed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He was a graduate of the FBI National Academy, earned an A.A. degree from TJC in law enforcement, a B.A. in criminal justice from Abilene Christian University and an M.S. degree in criminal justice from the Central Texas Human Relations Institute in Austin. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

1976

Charlotte (Butler) Wallace, 51, of San Antonio, died September 21, 1993. She was a former student of the University of Texas at Austin and a member of the Junior League of Tyler and of Houston.

1980

Clark D. Bryant, 34, of Longview died January 17, 1994. He was a driller for Global Marine of Houston. Survivors include his wife, parents, two brothers and one sister.

Robin Kay (Johnson) Holder, 33, of Abilene, Texas died November 8, 1993 after a lengthy illness. She was a home maker and civic leader. Survivors include her husband, daughter, mother, sister and brother.

1987

Christopher Andrew Celestino, 26, of Houston died January 1, 1994. He attended Lamar University and was also a member of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association. Survivors include his parents and a brother.

1988

Andrea Marie (Cordell) Jeter, 24, of Whitehouse, Texas died September 5, 1993 from injuries received in an automobile accident. She was a sales representative for a national food chain and was a secretary for State Farm Insurance. Survivors include her husband, mother, father and three sisters.

1992

Donnie Eugene Smith, Jr., 30, of Tyler died October 27, 1993. He was a draftsman for Tyler Building Systems. Survivors include his mother, father and one sister.

David Kent Mann, 30, of Tyler died September 14, 1993. He was a retail manager and a former student of the University of Texas at Tyler. Survivors include his parents and two grandmothers.

1993

Angela Latrece "Red" Moore, 20, of Tyler died November 27, 1993. She received her certification in phlebotomy from TJC and was an inspector for Road Master. She was a member of the Smith Junior Choir of San Flat Baptist Church and a member of the Interdenominational Youth Choir of Tyler. Survivors include her mother, two sisters and a grandmother.

Heather Star Habeck, 20, of Brainerd, Minnesota died November 19, 1993 from injuries received in a car wreck.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas H. Shelby, Jr.

1910-1993

Thomas H. Shelby, Jr., retired Tyler petroleum geologist for the Exxon Corporation and benefactor of Tyler Junior College, died October 31, 1993.

"Mr. Shelby's love for and support of higher education was an inspiration to all of us," said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president. "His memory will live on through the scholarships he established at Tyler Junior College. He will be greatly missed."

Scholarships established at TJC include the Dorothy and Thomas H. Shelby, Jr. Presidential Scholarship, The Atlantis Shelby Presidential Scholarship, Thomas H. Shelby, Jr. Chair for Teaching Excellence, Thomas H. Shelby, Jr. Endowment Fund, Katherine Speas Scholarship and Marguerite Hercules Scholarship.

In an interview with the Apache in 1987 Mr. Shelby said: "My dad was in education all his life. One of his life-long dreams was a junior college for Tyler. I feel like I am just following my father's dream of seeing that young people have the opportunity to receive an education."

Mr. Shelby was the author of several publications, including *Hawkins Oilfield*; *Wood County, Texas*; *Talco Oilfield*; and *Oil and Gas Fields of Northeast Texas*.

He was active in the Tyler Rotary Club, Rose Society and Tyler Men's Garden Club.

Survivors include one son, Thomas H. Shelby III, two daughters, Anne Shelby and Elizabeth Shelby and five grandchildren.

Ann Howard Brookshire

1932-1993

Ann Howard Brookshire, 61, of Tyler died November 20, 1993 following a long illness. Mrs. Brookshire, along with other family members, created the S.W. Brookshire Presidential Scholarship at TJC in memory of her husband. She was active in civic organizations including past president of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Tyler and Tyler Junior Garden Club, and was a member of Tyler Junior League. She was a lifetime member of Christ Episcopal Church where she served as president of the Episcopal Church Women. Survivors include three sons, Brad, Kirk and Mark; one daughter, Karen Gilliam; a sister, Kay Garland; and five grandchildren, Trent, Wood and Cliff Brookshire, Lance and Matthew Gilliam.

Back Page

by Pat Logan

Remember When We Couldn't Even Spell "Cholesterol"?

My uncle Paul Worden who practiced law in McKinney, Collin County, for 50 years, broke his hip at the age of 80. After an extended hospital stay, he returned home to convalesce, still in discomfort.

His wife Johnye said to him, "I've invited Tom (a dear friend) for supper tonight." Though distressed and with little appetite himself, his immediate question was, "What do you plan to serve?"

Food was always important in my family of origin.

My grandparents lived in Farmersville, in a two-story white house built in their more affluent days before my grandfather lost his sight. When he had to sell his thriving dry goods store, they managed by whatever means they could. For several years, Grandmother supervised a WPA sewing room. But no matter how poor they were, they agreed, "We will set a good table to the very last."

(In the ancient world, there was no word for "community," so the concept was expressed by the word "table.")

Not every meal was a feast but whatever we had was prepared with care and served with love. I admit the following statement is an indictment in this age of knowledge about eating disorders: at our house, in time of trauma big or small, food was offered to people TO MAKE THEM FEEL BETTER!

When 16-year-old Paul of slight build came limping home from football practice having suffered bruises from the bigger players and indignation from the coach, his

mother gave him biscuits dripping with honey because it would help heal the wounds. When my great-aunt sat at the kitchen table one stormy night, still stunned and grieved by her husband's death, my grandmother gave her a big slice of reddish brown devils food cake with dark brown chocolate icing because it would help heal the wounds.

How could the result be the same if Grandmother had said to her son and sister-in-law, "Here, have a serving of low-calorie cottage cheese on this lettuce leaf, topped with a dollop of mayonnaise with one-third less fat?"

In 1994 I "eat healthy" most of the time because I am convinced it is wise. And I don't think every healthy food tastes terrible. But may we give one last bow to those days when we couldn't even spell "cholesterol"?

Set the stage with music. Maestro, the opening theme music of "Gone with the Wind."

Grandmother put not one but two kinds of butter on the table, both as in COW. She liked the home-made butter which came in one chunk; Grandfather wanted the store-bought creamy butter, in the small, neat rectangles.

We ate chicken in many ways, but none of it the skinless, anemic little strips favored today. Fried golden brown, or swimming in dumplings, or baked in a loaf with, yes, lots of butter.

Breakfast was always a delight. If cereal was served, it would be only an adjunct to the meal, not the meal itself. Piece de resistance was bacon and eggs. (We used bacon in casseroles and the grease for browning and sauteing. And

because they were plentiful and fresh from Grandmother's laying hens, eggs found their way into many dishes.)

Sunday dinners stand out in my memory. (We called the noon meal on weekdays "lunch" but on Sunday it became "dinner.") Grandmother rose early while the rest of us slept late. ("Sleep in" was an expression I did not hear until adulthood.) She had duties at the First Baptist Church so she would start the meal which her daughters would later in the morning complete.

The men's share of the work was turning the crank on the wooden ice cream freezer, round and round and slower and slower as it froze. And from the frosty interior came ambrosia fit for the gods, creamy peach all golden and shot through with pink.

Every summer in August my grandfather would throw a birthday bash for himself. It was a day of bustle and preparation, people coming and going and the telephone ringing.

On the pit in the "working section" of the back yard where the black wash pot usually sat, the split chickens would be placed. The town bootlegger supervised the barbecue process, much to my grandmother's chagrin.

I will never think of my childhood without thinking of food and relishing once again the sheer pleasure it gave us and the sacramental inner meaning that food conveys among family and friends.

Okay, so much for the past. Fade the music. Bring on the present—the margarine, unsalty and gravy-less present. ♦



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the future
often forces
reflection
on the past.

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Why is it important to go even farther?
Who has helped us...and why?

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the Rim

The Gold Link: Memories on the Rim

Apache Belles Gold, the alumni organization of the Belles, celebrates the group's 46-year history during a September football game with Kilgore College.

The Gold, along with current Belles, marched around the rim at Rose Stadium, hand-in-hand, forming an unbroken line.

Gold President Karen Sanders, bottom right, said the group's purpose is to support all activities of the Apache Belles such as organizing Belles' Parents Day and purchasing uniform patches to be used in the Texas Rose Festival Parade. Pictured with Karen is TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins.



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